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REPORTER

## ON KILILI'S RESOUNDING VICTORY

# 'The people have spoken'

**F**resh from his landslide victory in Tuesday's four-way race, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said it's the Commonwealth people who won.

"People have used their power of self-government at the ballot box. Each individual voter has made his or her own decision about what kind of representation they want in Congress—in the privacy of the voting booth," Sablan said in a statement.

Sablan is the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected to the post in November 2008 for a two-year term.

On Tuesday, his re-election bid gave him 4,896 or 43 percent of the 11,325 votes counted, unofficial election results



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Assistant attorney general Meaghan Hassel Shearer, left, standing, who acts as legal counsel for the Commonwealth Election Commission, looks on as election board members led by chair Frances Sablan, standing second from right, manually count the votes on three legislative initiatives

at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last night. Inset shows Jessica S. Deleon Guerrero, sister of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, at their tent in front of Tanapag Elementary School on Tuesday.

## Marijuana legalization bill passes House

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A bill legalizing, regulating, and taxing marijuana use for medicinal and other purposes in the CNMI passed the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon, adding to a list of revenue-generating bills pending in the 17th Legislature.

Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 17-45 passed on a 10-7

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## Voter turnout at 68 percent

» **CEC records 84 invalid ballots**

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More than 11,300 voters cast their bal-

lots in this year's delegate election—a 68-percent turnout that is much lower than the 79 percent posted in the first delegate election in 2008.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The counting for the legislative initiatives was still ongoing as of 8:30pm last night. Results will be published in tomorrow's paper.

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## Calvo-Tenorio claims win in Guam gubernatorial race

» **Gutierrez-Aguon wants recount**

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The Republican Party's Eddie Calvo and his running mate Ray Tenorio have apparently unveiled plans for a transition team after claiming victory in Tuesday's



Calvo



Tenorio

Guam gubernatorial elections.

According to the Pacific News Center, governor-elect Eddie Calvo and lieutenant governor-elect Ray Tenorio have already begun to reach out to elected officials to bring the community together and to begin their transition to the Calvo-Tenorio administration.

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# Local

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## 85 nominees vie for 9 education awards

The Public School System and the Board of Education will highlight the achievements of its educators and staff when they observe the annual Education Month in November.

The PSS Human Resource Office disclosed yesterday that 85 nominees from various schools will vie for the nine overall titles in school year

2010-2011.

The award categories include teacher of the year, teacher aide of the year, administrative staff of the year, maintenance support staff, principal of the year, vice principal of the year, counselor, instructor, and related services provider of the year recognitions.

Each year, PSS honors its out-

standing employees in various categories and names its overall teacher of the year, who will compete at the national level.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Education Day celebrations this year, set on Nov. 24, will be observed at each school campus where their school's nominees will be recognized and honored.

The overall winners for each

title will be announced by the system and the board after the Education Day festivities.

As part of the monthlong celebration, PSS will highlight each school's awardees by sharing their individual achievements with the community and stakeholders.

Each award recipient will also be given a plaque of recognition.

Due to financial constraints,

no cash prizes or gift items will be given to overall winners except for the overall teacher of the year, who will be given the opportunity to travel to the U.S. mainland to participate in the national competition and meet with President Barack Obama.

Last school year, Marianas High School's Maria Ornes bagged the prestigious CNMI Teacher of the Year award.

According to secondary schools principals' representative Jonas Barcinas, November has always been a special occasion for all educators on the islands because it's the season that teachers and school staff are honored and lauded for their important contributions to the education of Commonwealth students.

Barcinas was the CNMI Teacher of the Year awardee in 2000.

## Dandan recognizes school awardees

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Dandan Elementary School has named four individuals as its outstanding employees this year. The four will vie for the overall title as part of the Public School System's celebration of Education Month.

Dandan Elementary School principal Martha Kintol described the awardees as dedicated staffers who create challenging and safe learning environments for students, encouraging academic excellence, communication, and cooperation with all stakeholders.

"This group of individuals has worked very hard for all the students at DES. They make sure that all students are provid-

ed for academically and socially. I feel that they deserve to be recognized for their efforts this past year and the years before. I am very satisfied with this year's awardees," said Kintol.

Named the school's teacher of the year was Ramona Taro-Laniyo, who has been with the Dandan school since 2005 as a kindergarten and first grade teacher.

She is described as a kind and conscientious teacher who understands the idea that chil-

dren's growth is never more important than in the primary grades.

"[Taro-Laniyo] addresses each student with a great, positive attitude and creates an environment conducive for learning

and has been a mentor to numerous teachers. Her willingness to share her knowledge and strategies to anyone who asks makes her a major asset to not only for the school, but the system as a whole," said Kintol.

The ever humble Taro-Laniyo said: "There are too many good teachers out there and I feel I don't deserve this honor. Though I've acquired many good teaching techniques throughout the year, I still need

to learn more."

Adjudged DES teacher aide of the year was Amorleen Poblete, who has been a Special Education teacher aide since 1991. As a SPED teacher aide, she is often assigned to students with severe cognitive and functional impairments. Despite the challenges, Poblete does her best in addressing each student's specific challenges in a timely and effective manner so that the main classroom teacher can stay focused on the group as a whole.

She creates individualized lessons that cater and nurture the growth of the student, making sure learning is happening despite their obstacles.

Cathy Borja was named the DES staff of the year for 2011.

She is one of the most versatile and flexible staff at DES. She first joined the Tottot family as a volunteer in 2003, then as a WIA trainee in 2006, then as a librarian in 2008. Although officially a librarian, she plays many roles in making sure the school is functioning efficiently and effectively.

Named support staff of the year is trades and maintenance worker Nelson Ebilane. He has been with PSS since 1996.

He joined the Tottot family in 2005 and since then has played a vital role in ensuring the safety and effective operation of school building and grounds.

"He is very knowledgeable in plumbing, electrical, welding, carpentry and mechanical skills necessary to maintain, repair, build, or replace equipment all around the campus," said Kintol.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

As part of the celebration of Education Month this November, the *Saipan Tribune* will be featuring the nominees of the different public schools throughout the month. We kick off the series with the nominees of the Dandan Elementary School.



Taro-Laniyo



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# Brennan remains Chamber president, other officials elected

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Douglas Brennan, who was re-elected Saipan Chamber of Commerce president during the annual election of the 2011 officers and board of directors yesterday, vowed to continue to focus on issues such as immigration and a number of pending legislation that would make it costlier to do business in the CNMI.

Brennan, however, said the

direction of the business group "is really going to depend on the new board."

"Fresh blood always leads to fresh ideas," said the vice president and manager of Microl Corp. after the Chamber's monthly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business group in the CNMI with some 150 members, also elected Vincent J. Seman of Carlsmith Ball

LLP as vice president. He replaces Jim Arenovski of Delta Management Corp., who did not seek re-election.

Michael S. Johnson, managing partner of Deloitte Saipan, was re-elected treasurer.

Joseph "Jojo" Camacho, marketing manager for Marianas Pacific Distributors, was elected secretary, replacing Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Saipan, who did not seek re-election.

There were four nominees for directors-at-large, and only three were needed.

David M. Sablan Sr., president of Century Insurance Co., got re-elected as board member. Sablan is also the vice president of Cosmos Distributing, and vice chair of the board of directors of Asia Pa-



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, Marianas International Travel Agency's Jolene Torres, Century Insurance Co.'s David M. Sablan Sr., and Ayako Matsumoto of Pacific Eagle Enterprises are elected 2011 board of directors members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during the annual election of officers and board members at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle yesterday.

## Ex-Palms Resort staff files sex harassment suit

A former employee of the Palms Resort filed yesterday in federal court a sexual harassment lawsuit against the hotel for allegedly not acting on her complaint against her then superior.

Aida S. Kamruzzaman, through lawyer Colin M. Thompson, sued Micronesia Resort Inc., owner of Palms Resort Saipan, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, seeking damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Kamruzzaman also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to stop Palms Resort and its officers or agents from engaging in any sexual harassment and discrimination.

When asked about the lawsuit, Palms Resort counsel Robert T. Torres said he has no comment at this time.

"I have yet to receive or review the complaint," he said.

According to the complaint, Kamruzzaman filed a charge of discrimination against the hotel with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Oct. 15, 2009.

In August 2010, the commission notified Kamruzzaman of her right to sue the hotel based on the charge of discrimination.

Thompson said the hotel

subjected Kamruzzaman in 2009 to sexual harassment that included "sexual advances, sexually charged and suggestive speech, and unwelcome physical contact by plaintiff's superior, chef Habib."

When Kamruzzaman rejected his advances, Habib allegedly fabricated a complaint of misconduct against her and communicated the complaint to the hotel management.

Thompson said his client denied the misconduct and told her supervisor about Habib's sexual harassment.

Kamruzzaman also explained that the complaint was retaliatory because she rejected Habib's advances.

Thompson said the management did not properly investigate his client's complaint and took no disciplinary action against Habib.

"After Mrs. Kamruzzaman complained of harassment, [she] was subjected to further retaliatory harassment from management and her work performance suddenly became under unwarranted criticism," Thompson said.

Palms Resort was closed down in October this year for renovations.

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## GUBERNATORIAL

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Results from the PNC website showed that Calvo-Tenorio won by a 583-vote margin against the ticket of former governor Carl Gutierrez and Frank Aguon Jr. of the Democratic Party.

Calvo and Tenorio garnered 19,875 votes versus the 19,292 obtained by Gutierrez-Aguon tandem.

“The most important thing for us to do right now is to unite as a people. There are so many challenges and opportunities ahead for our people. It is our job from today and for the next four years to address those challenges and bring those opportunities to all Guamanians,” PNC quoted a Calvo-Tenorio statement.

Gutierrez and Aguon, for their part, released a terse statement to thank their supporters and say that the outcome of Tuesday’s polls is in the hands of the

Guam Election Commission.

“*Un dangkulu na si yu’use ma’ase, maraming, maraming salamat po,* and thank you very, very much to the 19,000+ people who went to the polls in support of the Gutierrez-Aguon team in Tuesday’s historic general election. As of this time the outcome of the balloting is before the Guam Election Commission, which has many issues to consider as it reviews the initial results of yesterday’s balloting. The Gutierrez-Aguon campaign will have no further comment at this time,” the Democratic Party tandem said in a quote from PNC.

PNC said that because Calvo-Tenorio’s margin of victory was within 2 percent, the U.S. territory’s election commission should automatically give the Gutierrez-Aguon camp a recount.

### 10 Senate incumbents re-elected

In the Senate race, 10 re-electionists made it to the Magic 15, with four

Democrats and one Republican making it to the Top 5.

Re-electionists Tom Ada (22,078 votes), Judith T. Won Pat (21,775), Tina Rose Muna Barnes (21,145), and Vicente C. Pangelinan (21,110) all of the Democratic Party, garnered the top four spots, with Republican Dr. Aline Yamashita (19,851) rounding out the first five slots.

Democrat Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr. (19,674), Democrat Rory J. Respicio (19,177), Republican Anthony V. Ada (18,594), Republican Frank Flores Blas Jr. (18,374), Democrat Adolpho B. Palacios Jr. (18,203), Democrat Dr. Judi P. Gutherz (17,524), Republican Mana Silva Tajeron (17,172), Democrat Benjamin J.F. Cruz (16,538), Republican Christopher M. Duenas (16,051), and Republican Dr. Sam Mabini (16,035) hold the other 10 spots in the Senate race.

Of the 15, Yamashita, Rodriguez, Tajeron, Duenas, and Mabini are not

returning senators.

In the race for Guam attorney general, Leonardo Rapadas won against Gary Gumataotao, 17,838-13,825.

Simon Sanchez with 20,496 votes, Benigno Palomo with 17,025, and Eloy Hara with 14,881 is how the results for the Consolidated Commission on Utilities election turned out.

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show.

“I am very humbled that so many people have decided that they were well represented in Congress over the last two years,” he said.

The Covenant Party’s Joseph N. Camacho, a former House floor leader, came in second with 2,744 or 24 percent of the votes counted.

Camacho said yesterday he respects the vote of the people.

In fact, it was business as usual for Camacho as he appeared in the Superior Court yesterday morning for a hearing of his client. He also had a meeting with another client in the afternoon.

Camacho said he and his family appreciate the support of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the committee to elect him as candidate for congressional delegate.

He expressed appreciation to the officers and members of the Covenant Party and especially to the voters.

“I am very grateful to my wife [attorney Viola Alepuyo] and family members for their unconditional support throughout the campaign,” Camacho said.

Republican candidate and former governor Juan N. Babauta, who came in third with 1,978 or 17 percent of the votes counted, also congratulated Sablan for his “resounding victory.”

“People have spoken and Congressman Sablan has got a resounding victory and mandate from the people. I want to extend my personal congratulations to him. ... I wish Congressman Sablan well in Washington, D.C.,” Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

Babauta said he had yet to speak directly to Sablan as of yesterday afternoon, but he wanted the public to know his best wishes for Sablan.

“I also want to thank all my supporters who helped me throughout my campaign. I appreciate their time and effort put into the campaign,” he added.

The Democratic Party’s Jesse Borja, a former lieutenant governor and former associate justice, finished fourth with 1,707 or 15 percent of the votes counted.

Fitial, who campaigned hard for Camacho, congratulated Sablan on securing his second term as a member of Congress.

“It has been a long campaign journey for the four candidates. Today, the people have spoken. We must now move ahead and respect the choice that the majority has made,” Fitial said in a separate statement yesterday.

Fitial, founder of the Covenant Party, also congratulated the three other candidates “for their willingness to serve our people and for waging impressive political campaigns.”

Unlike the first delegate election with nine candidates, this year’s polls had only four bets.

### ‘More challenges ahead’

Sablan, a former executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission for 10 years, said he knows that the next two years are going to be a

In the retention of justices Anita Sukola and F. Phillip Carbullido, 23,061 voted yes and 5,644 voted no for the former and 23,599 votes yes and 4,558 voted no for the latter.

The Guam Election Commission said a total of 44,050 of the 52,821 registered voters took part in the election—an 83.39 percent turnout.

challenge in Washington, D.C.

“It is going to be more difficult than ever to get what we need for the Northern Marianas. But I hope that the experience I have gained and the friendships I have made will work to the benefit of our islands. And I know that feeling the support I have from so many of you will help me every day to work as hard as I can to make life better for everyone in our Commonwealth,” he said.

Despite a seemingly anemic voter turnout, Fitial also said he appreciated all of the registered voters who trekked to the polls to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday.

“This is the beauty of democracy—each one of us is afforded the fundamental right to have a hand in shaping the future of our islands,” he said.

While Fitial nears the completion of the first year of his five-year term, he is looking ahead toward the Commonwealth’s economic recovery.

“With the conclusion of [Tuesday’s] election, it is now time for all the leaders of the CNMI to seek common ground for a concentrated approach to reinvigorate our economic livelihood,” the governor added.

### Thank you and congratulations

Sablan said there are many people who have helped in his campaign, and he said he will thank every one of them individually.

“For now, though, I would just like to say thank you to my family, my wife Andrea—it’s her birthday [Wednesday]. Especially I want to thank my father and mother and my sisters. [Tuesday] was my mother’s 80th birthday. I hope she enjoys the present that all these voters gave her: Victory for Victorina! Thank you all for your support,” he said.

Douglas Brennan, who was also re-elected yesterday as Saipan Chamber of Commerce president, said he congratulates Sablan for his second term in Congress.

“Kilili has been receptive to the challenges and ideas of the [Chamber] and we look forward to working with him,” said Brennan, vice president and general manager of Microl Corp.

House minority leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), who publicly endorsed Babauta, said Sablan’s landslide victory says a lot about people’s satisfaction with Sablan’s work in Washington, D.C. and the CNMI for the CNMI people.

“There’s no question about that. It’s a very clear victory,” he said.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said on behalf of workers in the CNMI, he congratulates Sablan on his re-election.

Syed said he hopes that Sablan would help the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and Freely Associated States citizens who are not covered by the federalization law.

Syed said the Saipan City Taxi Association’s offer of free taxi services during Election Day was a success.

“We received 22 calls, and we transported 20 to and from the voting places,” said Syed, who is the association’s president. (*with Ferdie de la Torre*)

## VOTER

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counsel Meaghan Hassel Shearer, however, the turnout is still high when compared to the U.S. election in 2008 that she said yielded 63 percent.

As of Oct. 30, 2010, the CNMI had a total of 16,576 registered voters on three islands, including 1,035 absentee voters.

Based on the commission’s tally, a total of 11,325 votes were cast during Tuesday’s election, comprising the regular ballots, absentee votes, and early votes. The number is expected to slightly rise when the commission receives the absentee votes from the military.

During the historic delegate election two years ago, a total of 10,335 votes were cast—about 79 percent of registered voters in 2008, estimated at over 13,000.

Based on unofficial commission data, 84 ballots were not counted this year as they were either spoiled, over-votes, or were left blank.

There were also 10 ballots that were considered spoiled. Three spoiled bal-

lots were from Kagman; four from absentee votes; and one each from San Antonio, Tinian, and early voters.

Of the 32 overvotes, the commission said that nine were from early voters; Koblerville, 5; Kagman, 5; Chalan Kanoa, 3; San Vicente, 2; San Jose, 1; Garapan, 2; Tanapag, 2; Rota, 2; and Tinian, 1.

Meantime, 42 blank ballots were recorded in the following precincts: San Antonio, 3; San Vicente, 8; Koblerville, 2; Chalan Kanoa, 1; San Jose, 4; Garapan, 8; Tanapag, 2; San Roque, 1; Kagman, 3; Tinian, 1; Rota, 3; absentee, 3; and early votes, 3.

Data released by the commission are considered unofficial until these are certified within the 15-day period set by law.

Based on the CEC’s unofficial election results posted in its website, independent candidate and incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan won by a wide margin—by 2,152 votes—over his closest opponent, Covenant Party’s Joseph Camacho.

Sablan received an overwhelming 4,896 votes compared to Camacho’s 2,744 votes. Republican Party nominee Juan N. Babauta got 1,978 votes, while

Democratic Party bet Jesus Borja got 1,707 votes.

Records show that Camacho was only able to surpass Sablan’s record in his bailiwick in Tanapag, where he got 144 votes over Sablan’s 138 votes. The early votes also boosted Camacho’s numbers, after getting 965 votes against Sablan’s 430 votes.

The total votes tabulated at each precinct are as follows: San Antonio, 494; San Vicente, 1,397; Koblerville, 627; Chalan Kanoa, 728; San Jose, 473; Garapan, 1,398; Tanapag, 440; San Roque, 391; Capital Hill, 245; Kagman, 1,396; Tinian, 581; and Rota, 697.

Total absentee ballots cast and tabulated was at 680 while there were 1,778 votes cast in the early voting period. Votes tabulated on Wednesday totaled 11,325.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that all voters from the Northern Islands cast their ballots during the 10-day early voting period.

According to CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero, the number of total votes cast may increase in the next few days pending receipt of absentee ballots from the military.

Villagomez said if one of the goals of legalizing marijuana is to reap potential economic windfall with the commercialization of marijuana cultivation and use, then the committee should commission a study to look at similar places that have done it.

Santos, who was still the chair of the Natural Resources Committee when the bill was first introduced and reviewed, also voted “no” on the bill yesterday.

She said those who provided oral testimony during public hearings on Rota on the bill “overwhelmingly opposed” the measure, but those on Tinian “overwhelmingly supported” it.” On Saipan, she said, “it was 50-50.”

“The Public School System, DPH, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program under the Department of Public Safety opposed the bill for the fear of losing millions of federal funds. For this reason, coupled with Rota’s opposition, dictates my decision to also oppose the bill, thus I voted no without any reservation,” Santos told *Saipan Tribune*.

The committee recommended the full membership of the House to decide on the bill, saying public sentiment during public hearings on Saipan, Tinian and Rota have left the committee in an indeterminate state.

Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

The 10 who approved the marijuana legalization bill included Torres, Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Saipan), Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan).

In a cost-benefit analysis, the House Committee on Natural Resources said the enactment of the bill into law “will possibly result in the loss of federal funds but at the same time the Commonwealth government will generate funds through taxation.”

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez earlier said the CNMI Department of Public Health may lose over \$10 million in federal grants should the marijuana legalization bill becomes law.

Under federal law, marijuana remains a Schedule I drug and is illegal to use and possess.

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vote with one abstention from Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan).

Two others—Reps. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan)—were absent.

Torres’ bill allows people at least 21 years old to “possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use.”

It also permits the regulation and taxation of the commercial production and sale of marijuana to people at least 21 years old.

The bill, however, prohibits possession of marijuana on school grounds and prohibits its use in the presence of minors.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), one of the seven who voted “no” on the bill, wished lawmakers had defeated the bill.

“At a time when the Commonwealth economy is on its knees, some lawmakers wish to have its people stoned at the same time. Unbelievable,” Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides Dela Cruz, the others who voted “no” on the bill were floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep.



## Woman allegedly travels to Saipan to use fake credit card

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A Chinese woman came to Saipan allegedly just to buy expensive items using a fake credit card.

Wing Yee Tse, 34, was arrested Tuesday for misuse of a credit card, issuance of bad checks, conspiracy, and theft.

Tse appeared yesterday afternoon at the Superior Court for a bail hearing. Bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that a police officer responded to Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan on Saturday night to investigate a report of misuse of a credit card involving Tse.

Igitol said the officer later returned to DFS and recovered two credit cards found in the trashcan of the lady's restroom.

The officer learned that earlier in the afternoon, Tse, together with an unidentified male, bought several expensive handbags using four different credit cards, two of which were declined.

After the purchase, Tse told Mylene Indalecio of Louis Vuitton that she's staying at the Saipan Grand Hotel.

Tse and her companion then left DFS. The male companion, however, left his sunglasses on the cashier's counter.

When Indalecio called Saipan Grand to inform Tse about the sunglasses, the receptionist told her there was no one registered in the hotel by that name.

Later that night, DFS Loss Prevention manager Jeffrey Muth saw Tse for the second time at DFS.

Through the security camera, Muth monitored Tse at

the luxury watch department where the suspect bought two Cartier watches with a total value of \$3,530.

Tse was then seen leaving the watches and her credit card on the counter. When she came out of the restroom, Muth asked her why she left the watches and credit card behind. Tse denied leaving the items and also denied that she and a companion were at DFS earlier that day.

Muth became suspicious and called police.

When the officer asked Tse through an interpreter if the Diners Club International credit card that had her name on it belonged to her, Tse repeatedly said no.

The officer, who also obtained Tse's passport, arrested her.

Igitol said that in his interview with Tse last Sunday, the suspect admitted using a fake credit card at DFS.

Tse claimed she obtained the fake credit card from a man named Principal, who handed her the fake credit card in Shenzhen, China.

Tse confessed that her objective in coming to Saipan was to use the fake credit card to buy expensive items.

Prior to leaving China, Tse allegedly gave her name to a man in Hong Kong, who then forged her name onto a fake credit card bearing the name W Y Tse Christina.

Igitol said further inspection indicated that the credit card has Japanese characters on both the face and back portion.


Igitol said investigation revealed that Tse managed to purchase items worth \$4,210 using the fake credit card.



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U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan presents Francisco M. Palacios, better known as Tan'Ko, a copy of the congressional record honoring his dedication as a volunteer and for his contribution to the game of baseball in the NMI. "Without a scorekeeper, there is no game; without a record keeper, there are no records," Sablan said in his statement on the floor of Congress "For this we honor him in Congress as a small token to say to Tan'Ko, 'Un dankulu na si yu'us ma'ase.'"


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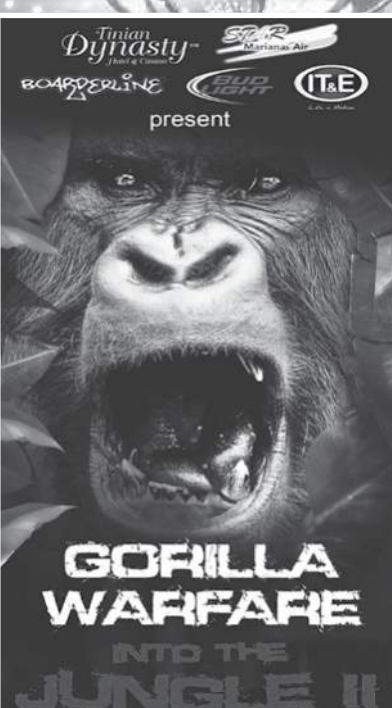
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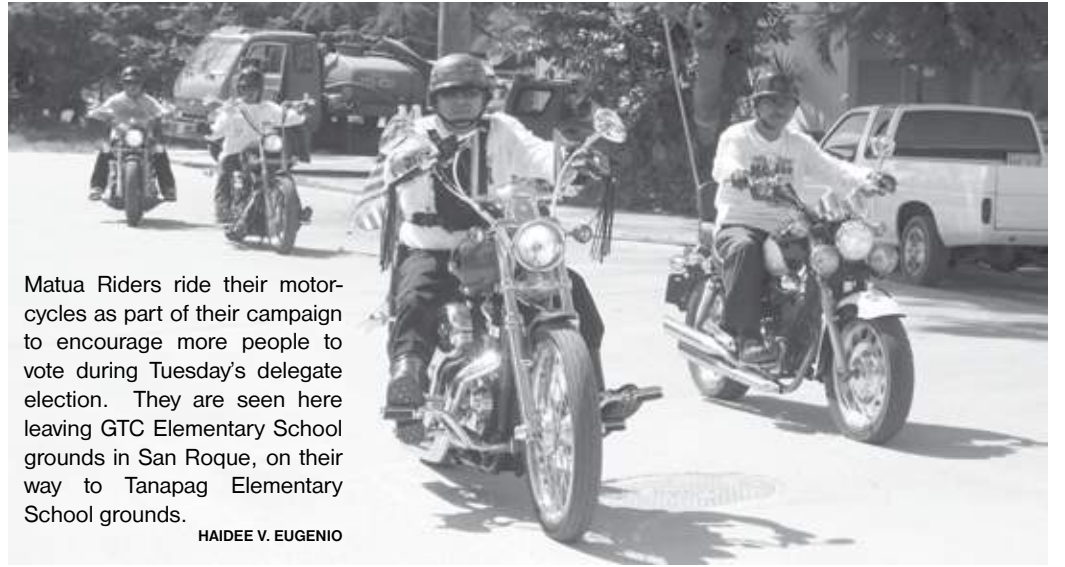


# 2010 Delegate Election



Northern Marianas College students led by Les Ogumoro, second from left, look on as a voter fills out a survey form on ways to provide people with disabilities easier access to polling places, at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School polling area in San Roque on Tuesday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Matua Riders ride their motorcycles as part of their campaign to encourage more people to vote during Tuesday's delegate election. They are seen here leaving GTC Elementary School grounds in San Roque, on their way to Tanapag Elementary School grounds.

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Commonwealth Election Commission's Jermae Cabrera and others sort out documents during the processing of ballots on Tuesday night.

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An assistant attorney general helps in the processing of ballots at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Tuesday night.

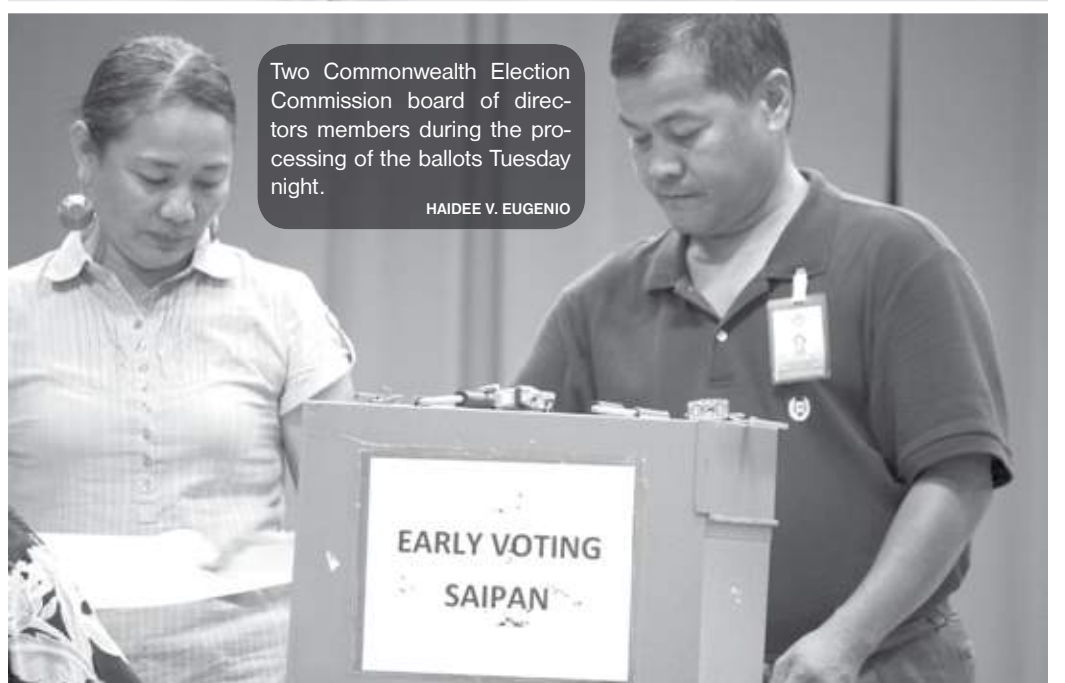
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Two Commonwealth Election Commission board of directors members during the processing of the ballots Tuesday night.

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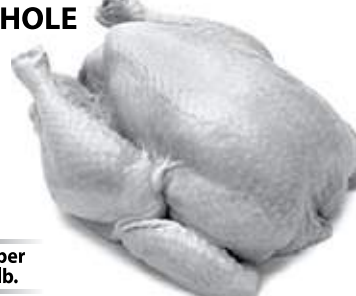
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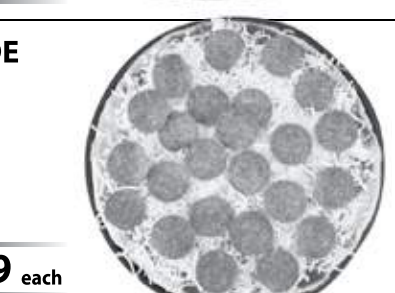
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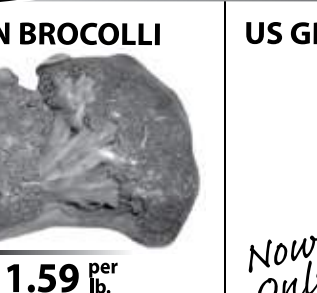
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# '2nd delegate election smooth and orderly'

» Cops respond to minor disturbances

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REPORTER

There were minor disturbances and complaints of some candidates' supporters campaigning within the 300 foot zone from polling stations, but Tuesday's second delegate election in the CNMI was generally smooth and orderly, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Acting police spokesman Eric David told *Saipan Tribune* Tuesday night that they received a report at 3pm about a disturbance among supporters between two political parties near the Garapan Elementary School's polling place.

David said three police vehicles immediately responded to the scene, but when the officers

arrived "everything was already under control."

"They pretty much settled the matters by themselves," David said.

He said the supporters were basically arguing about who has the better political party.

David said no election-related arrests were made.

He said they received in the morning several complaints of candidates' supporters campaigning within the 300-foot radius from polling stations.

"When the officers got there, they took care of the issue. The supporters complied with the law," David said.

"Overall, it was a smooth election. We did not receive any major complaint," he said.

On Saipan, DPS deployed

about 30 police officers to maintain peace and order.

On Tinian and Rota, the election was also orderly, David said.

Saipan DPS sent one officer each to Tinian and Rota to serve as escorts of the ballot boxes.

David said DPS is thankful to the voters for complying with the officers at every polling precinct.

"Without the voters' support, we won't have a smooth election like this," he said.

DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela tapped Police Capt. Lawrence Camacho as the commander in charge of the election operation.

Election Commission board chair Frances M. Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* at 11am Tuesday that the poll was generally peaceful, although they received

some minor concerns.

Sablan said some voters and supporters of certain candidates asked the commission for the reason behind the changes in polling sites.

The San Antonio Elementary School polling place was transferred to Hopwood Junior High, while the polling site at the Municipal Council in Chalan Kanoa was moved to the Joeten-Kiyu Library. The Oleai Elementary School polling station was moved to Ada Gym. The San Vicente Elementary School's polling station was transferred to Dandan Elementary School.

Sablan said other complaints were the closure and opening of gates at some schools as well as some supporters campaigning within the 300-foot "keep away" radius.

## FOA stages Halloween-themed musical production

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

In celebration of Halloween, Friends of the Arts put together a musical production called *The Darker Side of Broadway* at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center Auditorium from Oct. 28 to 30.

*The Darker Side of Broadway* featured a powerful selection of musical arrangements from three celebrated Broadway productions: *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Wicked*.

Director Paul Dujua said their production is a result of brainstorming of the board of directors last July and featured pieces that are "not necessarily all dark, sinister and shady."

"While there are songs that thrive in the boundary of conflict and tragic characters, there are also songs on the contrary, full of hope and compassion for life," he said.

The *Jekyll and Hyde* cast included Dujua, Ruth DeLemos, and Aiza Mendoza. *Sweeney Todd* was composed of Dave Bucher, Anna Rose DeLeon Guerrero, Keneisha Parks, John Darag, and Harold Easton. The cast list for *Wicked* had DeLemos, Parks, Dujua, Darag, and Kimberly Parks.

The violin ensemble of Do Re Mi Music School provided intermission numbers. They are Maria Balajadia, Tatiana Calvo, Colin Fruit, Aaron Lee, Yu Jung Lee, Richard Quan, Xiao Mei Su, Alan Yang Tudela, and Su Zhen Yu who did a solo performance.

Dujua, who veered away



CLARISSA V. DAVID

The cast of *Sweeney Todd* perform a group number during Friends of the Arts' production of *The Darker Side of Broadway* on Oct. 29 at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center Auditorium.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Two members of the *Wicked* cast render a duet during Friends of the Arts' production of *The Darker Side of Broadway* on Oct. 29 at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center Auditorium.

from his usual role as musical director and became in charge of the entire stage production

for the first time, described his task as a "fun and learning experience."

"The most challenging part was putting together everything during the production week. You have to decide on how the stage will look like and the lights throughout the show, among other things," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dujua said being a director is particularly challenging when you have many great minds around because you have to learn how to listen and be open to suggestions from the cast and crew.

The amateur director extended his appreciation to all the sponsors and viewers who continue to support Friends of the Arts productions through the years.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 4, 1999

### Bird Island development plan altered

Due to the downturn in the island's tourism economy, investors of the \$63 million Bird Island Development have scaled down the project from a 27-hole golf course to an 18-hole golf resort. According to Pete A. Tenorio, chief project consultant, the project developers are also facing difficulty in carrying out the plan in light of the recommendation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to minimize disturbance in the proposed site, which is the sanctuary of the endangered nightingale reed warblers. Tenorio said the golf course design to be submitted may still be altered to suit the recommendations of the federal agency. He said the plan is subject to the approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

### Reyes presses CUC to award Saipan power plant contract

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation must immediately award the controversial Saipan power project to a top bidder as a review by independent experts is sufficient to assure the government of getting the best proposal, according to a legislator. Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes urged CUC board to cut short a three-month extension it sought for further review of the recommendations by Burns & McDonnell, to begin laying down the groundwork for the construction of the 80-megawatt plant. "A winner has been declared, so let's bite the bullet and get on with the award," he wrote in a three-page letter to Board Chair Rosario M. Elameto.

Nov. 4, 2002

### GHLI privatization an 'old' issue

The administration of former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has recognized that maintaining health insurance would result in an aggravated financial difficulty by the government. This is why he established the Healthcare System Review Commission as early as 2000. The commission, however, became defunct when the Babauta administration took the helms of power in the CNMI government, leaving the recommendation shelved. Richard Ludders, a member of the defunct commission, disclosed this, saying that the commission had already recommended that the CNMI government privatize the government's health insurance program. The Group Health and Life Insurance Program is being managed by the Northern Mariana Island's Retirement Fund.

### CUC board member Camacho quits

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation board member Frank Camacho resigned last week due to a new work assignment. Board Chair Frank Guerrero confirmed over the weekend that Camacho, the board's secretary, decided to leave the CUC "not because of politics or problems" but because he found a job at the local unit of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration which oversees the screening operations at the Saipan International Airport. "He resigned because it would be too heavy for him to do these two jobs at the same time. He had to make that decision," Guerrero said. Camacho's resignation came shortly after the selection of the CUC Board of Lorraine A. Babauta as the new executive director.

Nov. 4, 2003

### Uniform fiscal management system backed

Acting Attorney General Clyde Lemons Jr. disclosed that his office is currently drafting legislation to establish a uniformed fiscal management system that would further empower the Department of Finance to control and regulate public funds. Lemons said recent misuses of expenditure authority by public officials affirm the need for a "strong centralized financial authority that can require accountability of all expenditures of public officials to ensure that 'public funds are expended for public purposes.'" Gov. Juan N. Babauta would establish a steering committee that would be headed by the Public Auditor, which would recommend procedures for the transition and implementation of the system, Lemons said.

### Manpower agency cries foul over DPH's approach on hiring nurses

A staffing agency has expressed disappointment over the Department of Public Health's seeming disregard of laws as it implements its direct hiring of nursing personnel. Paras Enterprises president Juan T. Guerrero, who supplies some 60 nursing staff to the Commonwealth Health Center, said the department failed to stick with its original Request for Proposal guidelines, prompting him to file a protest with the Procurement and Rules Division.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings to Lolo Danny, who is celebrating his birthday today, Nov. 4! May you have many more birthdays to come and God bless! We love you! From your apos, Queen Anne, Daphne Rylee, Keeno, and Louis!



Happy, happy 18th birthday Ged! You are finally legal! We hope you enjoy your special day! We love you and can't wait to party it up! Have an awesome one, bro! With love, the White Girls and all of your awesome friends!

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This happy birthday shoutout goes out to the ever so sweet Sheelane Santos, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 4! May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come and may you have an awesomely great and fabulous day because you deserve it girl! Much love coming out from all of your family and friends!

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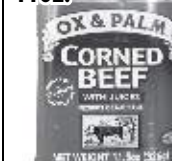
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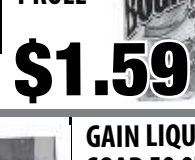
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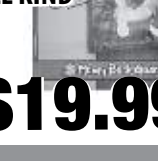
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## GW would miff today's tea party

**F**AIRFAX, Va.—For obvious reasons, and with some justification, the supporters of the tea party movement that has so energized the recent political landscape in America seek to enlist the Founding Fathers as fervent champions of their cause.

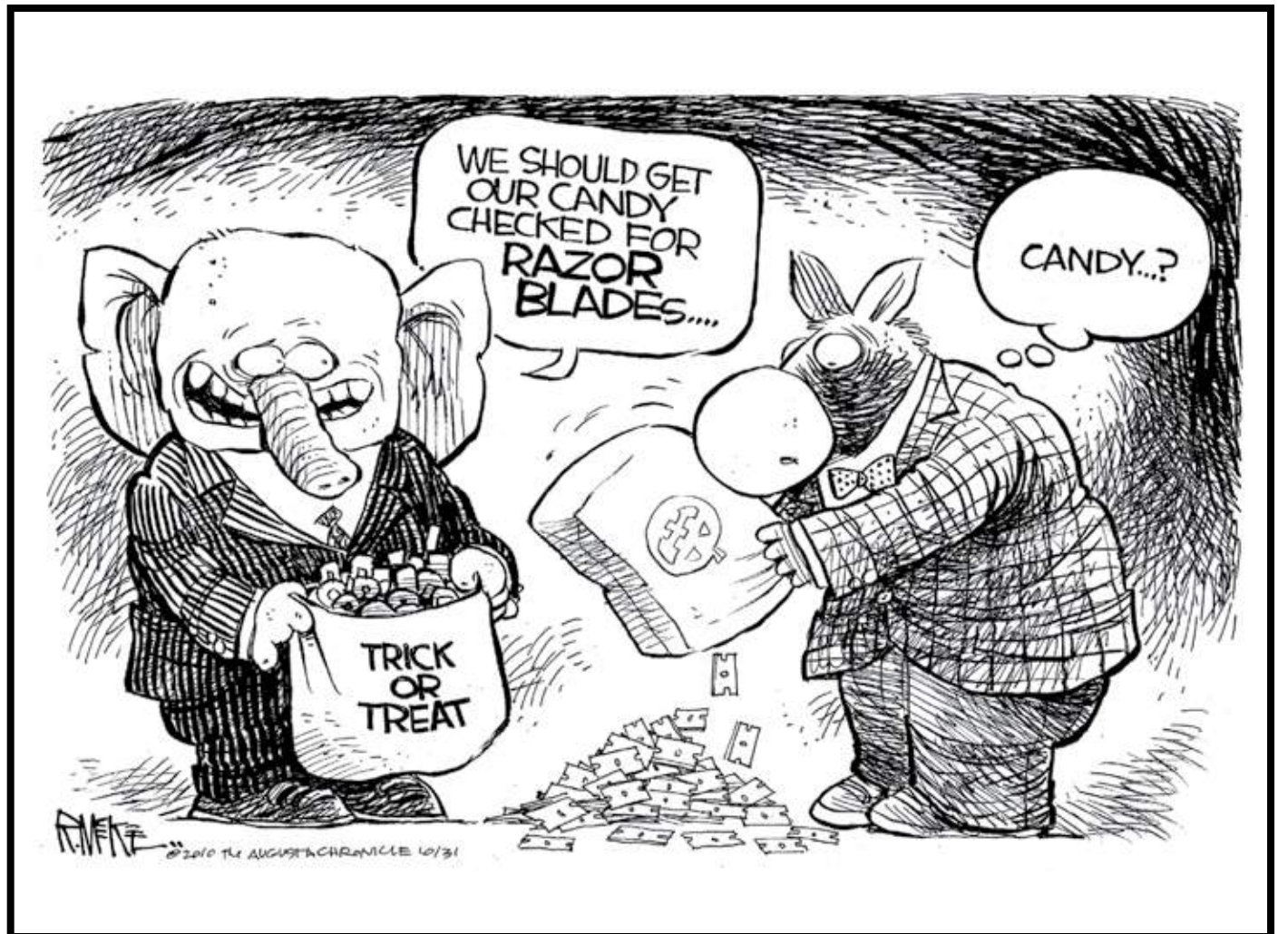
George Washington impersonators and others in Colonial garb are often part of crowds protesting what they view as an oppressive government heedless of constitutional limits. They think this government might destroy the promise of the American Dream via a dangerous combination of profligate spending, excessive taxing, and overweening regulation.

But several factors make George Washington and the American tea party movement an uncomfortable fit. First, there is a strong tendency among tea party supporters to view the Founding Fathers as a monolithic body united in its view of the proper role of the government and how to interpret the Constitution. While the Founders may have generally agreed on a limited government, there was as much debate then on what the proper limits of government should be as there is today. And within the framework of their heated debate, George Washington was in fact a champion of an expansive government.

His experience as commander in chief made him skeptical of states' right and cognizant of the need for a stronger central government. GW's paradoxical yet remarkably prescient position was that the rights and liberties of the people of the states could best be preserved in the context of a strong national union. The very parochialism and spirit of liberty that many thought essential to the preservation of those freedoms was actually a lethal virus within the American body politic that could destroy the American union and eventually liberty itself.

Arguing for a stronger government, George Washington used words that would greatly anger today's tea party supporters if they were uttered by a member of the current administration: "Experience has taught us, that men will not adopt & carry into execution, measures the best calculated for their own good without the intervention of a coercive power."

See GW on Next Page



## Dong Bei Trek 1: To the heart of Yanbian

**I** remember being in India, after six months in the Deccan Plateau of Maharashtra in the '70s, laboring with Indian colleagues conducting a human development training school in a grassroots social transformation thrust later known as the *Nava Gram Prayas*, sitting at the Mumbai American Express office fingering my last fifty bucks traveler's check when this wonderfully sari'ed Ranees walked in with a paper bag full of francs and marks, pounds and dollars that she demurely declared to be left over from a recent trip and was being returned to the bank to be redeposited to her account. Maharajahs were alive and well in Bombay, as they still are.

It was then that I realized nursing a measly fifty bucks to figure out how far I could string it out before hitting Singapore was a futile exercise. So I took my rupees and headed directly to the Taj Mahal hotel; went into the restaurant and ordered a \$15 hamburger. Of necessity, I was a curry'd vegan for six weeks with Hindu colleagues, so a grilled portion of the sacred cow was in order. It was a grand gesture for my spirit. I was not going to be victimized by scarcity. I labored with folks who were lucky if they earned a buck a day and having ridden twice on the milk train from Aurangabad to the Bay, I stared the face of mass poverty amongst the passenger and the anemic agriculture of the surrounding area while holy mama prowled the roads and byways. I was not going to let despair be defined as the shortage of material support when in fact it was a dis-ease of the human spirit. Hindu and Buddhist teachings say as much, and I was a Christian ecumenique willing to learn!

This sudden trip to *Dong Bei*, northeast China is a similar gesture. Reduced to penury from a cervical spondylosis that I have since learned to manage after resigning from my elementary school teaching position, I retooled my professional credentials with the middle and high school levels Social Studies Praxis, thinking that I would be a shoo-in to any of the local post-elementary institutions in the Commonwealth. NOT. They got their full complement of pedagogues before I even applied.

Challenged to reinvent my livelihood, in the same vein as everyone else has to in the current Marianas economic dispensation (except those in the government, I thought, until reality intruded and ushered the payless Fridays and 16-hour work reduction law), I proceeded to open the windows of my mind and the oxygen pores of my lungs, and headed for the heart of Yanbian in China and a trek to the Baitou caldera.

Yanbian is the Korean Autonomous Region Prefecture of China. Many of our Korean-speaking Chinese on Saipan come from this region, a preferred bilingual workforce and a willing service provider to the requirements of Garapan's bottom line.

I originally planned to head for Beijing or Shanghai, and then take the aerodynamically sleek D-series of the China rails. Beijing has lost its convenience since my local contacts moved elsewhere; Shanghai had the magnetic attraction of the Expo but my travel

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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agent cautioned competing with the local crowd at the queue on the Expo's last days would, at best, get me to one exhibit per day, so I decided to forego the attraction from across the Po by the Bund. Besides, I was told, the charter flights are run like domestic flights and since final destination was Yanji, I was better off with one of the international flights at similar cost. Thus, I took my first Asiana experience of the Star Alliance.

So now we commence a trekking in space and in a Saipan resident's mind foolish enough to promise the paper's editor that it would be committed to paper. We've had our series of America by Rails, China Trails, and Saipan Bike Trails in the last 12-months. Now we begin this series on *Dong Bei Trekking*.

My immediate family resides in Hawaii, and having lived in the Marshalls and Guam, I patronize Continental and Air Micronesia. When the airline started sharing services with NWA, it was a marriage of convenience that met my requirements. KAL never rose back from the ashes of the Guam disaster in the '80s, and JAL finally got too old and staid to compete, Continental Air and NWA, like Shell and Mobil with the gasoline lines, dominated the air lanes of the Marianas Trench.

Asiana has since replaced the ailing KAL in global prominence, and I was pleased with the service aboard the flight to Incheon on my way to Yanji. English proficiency onboard bested the cumulative experiences with Air China, Shanghai Airlines and China Southern that ply the Saipan route. I did not have to fake my *Hangeul* to be understood.

I had been spoiled by the lounge offering provided by Mileage Plus and Worldperks (now Delta's SkyMiles) that I took it for granted I would receive the same accommodation at Incheon International. Much to my surprise, I felt treated like a mangy boonie dog in Tony Roma's kitchen. The Sky Team that services my Platinum Sky Miles card would not take me in because I was on an Asiana flight, and Star Alliance would not host my laptop because my Silver Elite Mileage Plus had expired and I do not have enough credit on my silver Asiana card to qualify for lounge entry. A bummer. Not being regularly an ugly American, I decided to take my rejection graciously.

Happily, the airport was universally WiFi-friendly, so at least, in the Internet department, we remained online. *Dong Bei* a-trekking we go.



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## Purpose-driven

*"The greatest waste in America is failure to use the abilities of people."*—W. Edwards Deming

In Greek mythology, Sisyphus, the king of Corinth, was famed as the craftiest of men and even considered himself a peer with the gods. He cheated death on two occasions and had to be dragged by Hermes to the underworld. His offense against the gods was so great that Sisyphus was condemned to roll a boulder up a steep hill in Hades. Before he could reach the top, the boulder would roll back down the hill and he was forced to endlessly repeat the cycle. In this Greek version of hell, Sisyphus was eternally condemned to perform demanding, but meaningless activity.

There is a great discrepancy in the workforce between the capability of people and their actual results. Many employees are condemned to work in organizations that provide little meaning to their lives, nor offer a clear connection between their efforts and the results of the business. This disconnect between effort and results causes people to give less than their full abilities, creates a lack of purpose, and can make people feel like they're engaged in a Sisyphean task.

Without a purpose, no one in your organization will know what you are trying to achieve, or why you even exist in the first place. In a purposeless organization, everything feels meaningless. Purpose and meaning are essential if you want to create a work environment where people are committed to the goals of the organization. They must feel like they are doing something worthwhile, and that they are making a real contribution.

The political scientist James McGregor Burns published an influential study of U.S. Presidents who inspired effective national change. The common element of these men was that they inspired a compelling vision toward a worthy purpose that the nation could rally around. The purpose and vision allowed people to align their efforts to cooperate and solve pressing issues. Burns pointed out that a meaningful purpose appeals to the

higher intrinsic nature of people, rather than to their lower needs of self-interest and extrinsic rewards.

When your organization offers employees meaningful work that has a clearly defined purpose or mission, your business will benefit from highly engaged team members who work for more than their paycheck. These employees feel true devotion and bring their energy and vitality to what they do. If you're facing a difficult challenge, a worthwhile purpose will provide the impetus to overcome any difficulty.

Purpose also acts as a guide to keep your organization moving in the right direction. It allows you to manage your business without having to physically be there because people know the direction it is headed, and can make decisions that keep it on track.

Purpose starts with the leader and works its way throughout the organization to influence the products and services you offer, and impact the experiences of your customers. In fact, to discover your purpose you must start with your customer. Your purpose should satisfy a critical need or alleviate the pain, frustration, or challenge your customer experiences. People spend a lot of money, time, and energy for lotions, potions, and pills that remove pain, help lose weight, or make them feel younger. They buy tons of things that make their lives happier, easier, or better in some way.

Here are some of the stated purposes of well-known companies. Microsoft began with the purpose to put "a computer on every desk and in every home." This offered Microsoft a vision and provided a scorecard to examine how the company was succeeding every day. Google's purpose is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. Facebook wants to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected.

Purpose-driven organizations are more innovative, attract highly qualified employees, and are more productive. Your productivity will improve because you have criteria to evalu-

## Iraqis unmoved by WikiLeaks

By **ABEER MOHAMMED**  
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**BAGHDAD**—Baghdad professor Saadi Kareem's reaction to the recent WikiLeaks release of some 400,000 secret United States war files is typical of that of many of his countrymen.

"Iraqis know all about the findings in these documents," the political science lecturer said. "The brutality of American and Iraqi forces was hidden from Americans and Europeans, but not for Iraqis who lived through the war and its aftermath. Iraqis are totally aware of what happened to them."

The leaked reports, revealed last week by the controversial whistle-blowing website, disclosed alleged intelligence on torture, false body counts and sectarian bloodshed, amongst other revelations.

Washington and Baghdad have both condemned WikiLeaks, but for many Iraqis the reports have only fuelled a culture of suspicion that already views governments and armies with open distrust and derision.

The leaked field reports reveal claims of multiple kidnappings, torture of detainees and some 15,000 undocumented civilian deaths over the last seven years. Among the other findings are alleged links between Iran and militant Shia groups and allegations of a possible US cover-up concerning abuses committed by Iraqi forces.

As shocking as the leaks may have been in the West, Iraqi parliamentarian Mahmoud Uthman said the information is really nothing new in Iraq.

"Iraqis don't care," he said. "They don't believe what's written from outside Iraq anyway. For two or three years, victims' families and organizations such as Human Rights Watch have been questioning the death count and disappearances, but nothing has happened. As far as Iran's intervention in Iraq, people have known about that for decades."

Malcolm Smart, director of Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa divisions, also said that the Iraqi public's muted reaction to the WikiLeaks documents was unsurprising. Smart said his organization met with a similar response to a study on Iraqi prisons released in September that reported widespread torture, forced disappearances and an estimated 30,000 prisoners being held without trial.

"People on the streets are not expressing surprise," he said. "They're war-weary and looking for change. They feel under threat from many different sides, especially those enforcing law and order."

"There's exasperation and numbness about when things are going to change," Smart continued, adding that his organization is calling on the Iraqi government to show political will in addressing the alleged rights abuses included in the leaked documents.

The press secretary of the U.S. Defense Department, Geoff Morrell, reflected Washington's anger over the revelations.

"We strongly condemn the unauthorized disclosure of classified information and will not comment on these leaked documents other than to note that 'significant activities' reports are initial, raw observations by tactical units," he said.

"They are essentially snapshots of events, both tragic and mundane, and do not tell the whole story."

The caretaker government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki scrambled to distance itself from the disclosures and discredit WikiLeaks, amid debate over how the disclosures will impact on the premier's bid for a second term. The strongest denials have been concerning documents that purportedly link al-Maliki and his officials to state corruption, secret prisons and armed militias operating with impunity.

"This is a deliberate campaign carried out by a number of media outlets aimed at defaming Iraq on the pretext of releasing classified information," said Khalid al-Asadi, a senior member of the Dawa party and a senior official in the State of Law coalition headed by Maliki. "The government has issued orders to follow up the documents to investigate and check their authenticity. After that, we can decide how to deal with the issue."

But even Asadi said that there was nothing revelatory in the WikiLeaks files for the average Iraqi citizen and claimed the reports would have no effect on al-Maliki's bid to form a coalition government and secure a second term as prime minister. Iraq has been without a working government since a national election in early March left no clear winner.

"I think these documents have not disclosed any new information. All the information mentioned in these files was already known to the Iraqi people. They will not affect public opinion of any Iraqi group or party on any issue," Asadi said.

Husam Ali, a 33-year-old government employee in Baghdad, said ordinary people were much more concerned with just getting by.

"In Iraq, most of us are poor and tired of war and killing. We have enough problems without being involved in the problems of outside organizations and countries," he said. "We have our own lives to deal with here and with no security, jobs or electricity things are bad enough."

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ate the effectiveness of everything you do. The ideas of others can be gauged against the value it has to the purpose, and customers who are aligned to your purpose will become repeat, loyal customers.

If you're struggling in a down economy, it might be worth your time to examine your mission and ask yourself if it aligns with the needs of your customers and inspires your employees to become fully engaged. An inspiring purpose may be all you need to change your circumstances and achieve your destiny.

**GW**

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Washington viewed the Constitution in a somewhat different light than does the tea party movement, which tends to subscribe to a literal reading of the national charter. A tea party manifesto, called the Contract From America, even contains a rigid provision stipulating that all legislation passed by Congress should specify the precise clause in the Constitution giving Congress the power to pass such a law.

Certainly, George Washington was both a strong supporter and fervent admirer of our Constitution, which was shaped in Philadelphia during the summer of 1787 with him as the presiding officer. Nevertheless, Washington recognized that it was far from perfect and anticipated the need for future amendments, adding, "I do not conceive that we are more inspired—have more wisdom—or possess more virtue than those who will come after us."

One of George Washington's most important and far-reaching decisions made as president revolved around the question of whether he would sign into law a bill establishing a national bank. Alexander Hamilton, his brilliant secretary of the treasury, argued for such an institution and justified his action by seizing on Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution, which endowed Congress with all powers "necessary and proper" to perform tasks assigned to it in the national charter.

In short, Hamilton posited that there were "implied" powers in the Constitution as well as "enumerated" ones. Thomas Jefferson was aghast at such implications and prophesied that for the federal government "to take a single step beyond the boundaries thus specifically drawn is to take possession of a boundless field of power."

Washington saw it differently and signed Hamilton's controversial national-bank bill. With a stroke, he endorsed an expansive view of the presidency and made the Constitution a living, open-ended document. The importance of his decision is hard to overstate, for the federal government might have been stillborn had the president rigidly adhered to the letter of the document as urged by Jefferson.

Finally, there is a noticeable difference in both tactics and tone between Washington and most tea party movement supporters. Many tea partiers, convinced of their vision of reality, are unwilling to compromise and have a tendency to demonize their opponents. Washington, although certainly a man of conviction and firm principles, constantly sought a conciliatory path.

For example, he offered advice that the current administration would have been wise to take to heart. "If we cannot convince the people that their fears are ill-founded, we should (at least in a degree) yield to them and not suffer that which was intended for the best of purposes to produce a bad one which will be the consequence of divisions."

In seeking to reconcile Hamilton and Jefferson (whose views were every bit as divergent as those of the tea party and Obama are today), the president eloquently urged forbearance: "I would fain hope that liberal allowances will be made for the political opinions of one another; and instead of those wounding suspicions, and irritating charges there might be mutual forbearances and temporizing yieldings on all side, without which I do not see how the reins of government are to be managed."

George Washington's words of wisdom are sorely needed today.






Note: I wish to specifically acknowledge my debt to Glenn Phelps and Ron Chernow for some of the wording in this essay.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Rain	▲88 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲89 ▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼76

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲66 ▼58
Beijing	Sunny	▲65 ▼39
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼69
Honolulu	Showers	▲81 ▼73
London	Windy	▲60 ▼58
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲94 ▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼75
New York	Sunny	▲54 ▼41
Osaka	Sunny	▲65 ▼53
Paris	Cloudy	▲62 ▼52
Pusan	Sunny	▲66 ▼53
Rome	Sunny	▲74 ▼50
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲68 ▼47
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲78 ▼60
Seoul	Sunny	▲60 ▼43
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼51
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲57 ▼49

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
5:59 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet
11:46 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.6 Feet
5:34 PM	Today	High Tide: 2.1 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front stretches southwestward from 25N145E to beyond 130E at 18N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 75 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends northeastward from near Yap at 9N139E to near Saipan at 17N146E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present near Yap within 100 miles of a line from 9N138E to 13N141E and also across the Mariana Islands between 11N and 16N from 144E to 152E. Low-level convergence near the equator is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 5N135E to 3N130E. Upper-level divergence associated with an upper-level low centered northwest of Wake Island at 24N161E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 13N and 19N from 161E to 168E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 90 miles of a line from 6N155E to 10N154E to 14N157E. Similar weather is taking place across the Marshall Islands east of a line from 5N169E to 12N169E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
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Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM	Saturday	5:57 AM	5:39 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM	Sunday	6:59 AM	6:33 PM
Monday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM	Monday	8:00 AM	7:30 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010					
DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN		
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C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am 7:25am
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am 7:50am
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am 10:55am
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm 2:30pm
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm 5:50pm
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm 8:50pm
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am 3:05pm
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm 8:25pm
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm 12:30am+1
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm 2:20am+1
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am 2:20pm
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OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm 1:30am+1
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm 1:50am+1
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am 2:20pm
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C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am 8:25pm
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am 8:50pm
C09313/893	7:55am	10:10pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm 1:00am+1
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm 1:30am+1
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm 7:25am+1
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C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/C0596	10:00pm 7:25am+1
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Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana			C0910/9596		
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## Business

## GBA alerts public about phone, text scam

**HAGÄTÑA, Guam**—The Guam Bankers Association is informing the general public about a recent fraudulent phone call and text message scam.

The automated recorded phone message identifies itself as calling from a local bank and informs the recipient that their account is being deactivated.

The fraudulent text message contains a phone number to call that requests their 16 digit credit card number.

"We urge anyone who receives this call to just hang up and to delete the text message. If you did respond to a questionable phone call, text message, or email and provided

your personal account information, please immediately contact your bank's customer service department. Customer service numbers are also listed on the back of credit cards," said GBA in a statement.

Association members want consumers to know that they should never respond with their

account information to such requests. No legitimate financial institution will ever solicit its customers for personal account information over the phone, via text message or online.

GBA also advises consumers to:

- Be wary of unsolicited phone calls requesting account information over the phone or by text or email even if they claim or appear to be on behalf of a

bank familiar to you;

- Verify that the phone number that is calling you is indeed your bank's phone number or that the website is authentic before making any transaction;

- Always type the website URL address yourself, never click on a link which could redirect you to a fraudulent website;

- If you fall victim to a phishing fraud, act immediately to

protect yourself by alerting your financial institution, placing fraud alerts on your credit files and monitoring your account statements closely.

GBA is a trade organization made up of member local banks, which include: Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, Metro Bank, First Commercial Bank, Bank Pacific, ANZ, Citibank, and Oceanic Bank. (PR)

## World Bank raises China growth outlook



In this Oct. 13, 2010 photo, a worker installs a new layer on an advertisement board showing skyscrapers in Beijing's Central Business District, China.

**BEIJING (AP)**—China's rapid growth is easing to a manageable pace and Beijing can do more to reconfigure its economy to promote domestic consumption and reduce reliance on trade, the World Bank said Wednesday.

Inflation that has risen steadily this year should level off and is unlikely to be a serious problem, the bank said in a quarterly China outlook.

The Washington-based bank raised its 2010 growth forecast from 9.5 percent to 10 percent and said the expansion should slow to 8.7 percent next year.

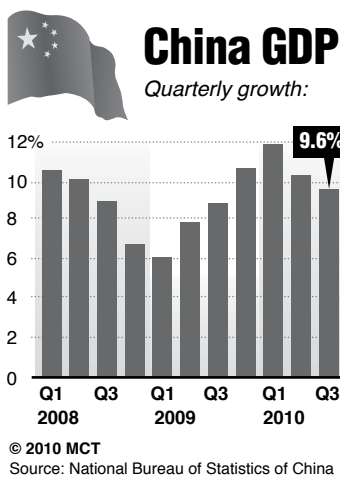
Growth eased to 9.6 percent in the three months ending in September, down from 10.3 percent the previous quarter, as the government imposed lending and investment curbs.

"We think that coming from this very strong growth, China should be able to ease into a more sustainable growth rate in the long term," said the report's main author, Louis Kuijs, at a news conference.

The outlook reflects China's

status as the first major economy to rebound from the global crisis on the strength of a flood of stimulus spending and bank lending. While Washington and others are trying to shore up growth, Beijing faces the challenge of cooling inflation and restoring normal conditions.

Beijing needs to boost wages and consumer spending and promote growth of private and service businesses to reduce reliance on exports and energy-intensive heavy industry, the World Bank said.



"The need to rebalance to more domestic demand-led, service sector-oriented growth seems stronger now than five years ago," said Kuijs. "Internationally the environment is less favorable than it was."

Communist leaders made raising domestic consumption a priority in their latest five-year economic plan crafted at a meeting last month. But it also was a goal in their previous plan and private sector analysts say Beijing has yet to take major steps to shift emphasis away from manufacturing and construction.

The World Bank recommended opening up more industries to private business, changing the way energy prices are set to encourage efficiency and nurturing private-sector research and development.

The bank cautioned against abrupt steps such as mandating sharp wage hikes, saying Beijing instead should look at gradual changes such as allowing more rural workers to move to cities and changing energy prices that favor heavy industry.

## Lee optimistic SKorea, US can finalize trade deal

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—President Lee Myung-bak expressed confidence Wednesday that South Korea and the United States can finalize a long-stalled free trade deal though offered no clues about narrowing key differences on beef and autos ahead of a meeting with President Barack Obama.

The two countries, key security allies for decades, concluded 10 months of negotiations in April 2007 for a landmark deal to slash tariffs and other barriers to commerce and signed it three months later.

The pact has been in limbo since then with progress slowed by changes of government in both countries, the global economic slump and Washington's demands that Seoul make concessions on trade in autos and beef. The agreement cannot take effect until it is ratified by legislatures in both countries.

"I am quite positive that we'll reach an agreement that will be acceptable to both" countries, Lee told reporters ahead of a planned meeting with Obama during the Group of 20 summit

in Seoul next week. Lee also said he and Obama are committed to getting the deal completed and that their respective trade ministers are trying to work out a compromise.

Obama and Lee vowed in June on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting in Canada to try and resolve differences by the time of the next summit of the leading rich and emerging countries on Nov. 11-12.

South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk met last week in the U.S. in a bid to make progress.

In a telephone conversation Tuesday morning, Lee and Obama agreed to make efforts to finalize the deal before the G-20 summit to promote free trade internationally and upgrade the South Korea-U.S. alliance, Lee's office said in a brief statement.

In Washington, the White House said that Obama told Lee that he wants to "use the next week to make progress toward an agreement." The White House also said that if Seoul and Washington "can reach a satis-

factory agreement on the key issues for American workers, we will have a deal."

The U.S. has said that the deal cannot go forward without addressing South Korea's overwhelming surplus in auto trade and a further loosening of restrictions on imports of American beef. Seoul has resisted any formal renegotiation of the deal, but has said it is willing to discuss U.S. concerns.

Lee offered no details on what a final compromise might look like, but said the free trade agreement will be good for both countries "by creating good quality jobs" and will also benefit companies and consumers.

The free trade deal "will not, I repeat will not, reduce jobs either in Korea or in the United States," he said, adding that he believes in the "strategic importance" of the agreement "both economically and politically."

South Korea and the U.S. have been close security allies since the end of World War II and fought together against North Korea and China in the 1950-53 Korean War.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Oil above \$84 in Asia as Fed stimulus move awaited

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Oil rose above \$84 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as investors awaited details of a Federal Reserve plan to boost the U.S. economy that could further weaken the dollar and boost demand for crude. Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 32 cents at \$84.22 a barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 95 cents to settle at \$83.90 a barrel on Monday.

## Stocks rise on Election Day, tech at 2010 high

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Major stock indexes rose Tuesday as investors awaited the results of Congressional elections, putting the Dow Jones industrial average near its highest point

of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 60 points. The Dow has now traded above its 2010 closing high of 11,205 four times over the past two weeks, but failed to close above that level each time. Eric Thorne, an investment adviser with Bryn Mawr Trust Wealth Management, said many traders have been using the end of the day to take short-term profits.

## Americans likely took retail breather in October

**NEW YORK (AP)**—After a last-minute back-to-school buying spree, Americans appeared to have taken a shopping pause in October, resulting in a mixed retail sales picture. That lull could continue until the day after Thanksgiving, the unofficial start of the Christmas season, as shoppers wait for big bargains, many analysts say.



## LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,188.72	1,193.57	2,533.52
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+0.58%	0.00%	0.00%

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	British Pound	0.6235	Indonesian Rupiah	8922.5	South Korean Won	1116.575
	Canadian Dollar	1.0162	Japanese Yen	80.51	Swiss Franc	0.9917
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	Euro	0.7196	New Zealand Dollar	1.3033	Thailand Baht	29.865



# Nation

## Jubilant GOP wins the House, falls short of Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Resurgent Republicans won control of the House and cut deeply into the Democrats' majority in the Senate in momentous midterm elections shadowed by recession, ushering in a new era of divided government certain to complicate the final two years of President Barack Obama's term.

House Speaker-in-waiting John Boehner, voice breaking with emotion, declared shortly before midnight Tuesday that the results were "a repudiation of Washington, a repudiation of big government and a repudiation of politicians who refuse to listen to the people."

Obama monitored returns at the White House, then telephoned Boehner with congratulations in a call that underscored the power shift.

Incomplete returns showed the GOP picked up at least 57 House seats—the biggest party turnover in more than 70 years—and led for eight more, far in excess of the 40 they needed for a majority. Among the losers was Rep. Tom Perriello, a first-term from Virginia for whom Obama campaigned just before the election.

On a night of triumph, Republicans also gained at least six Senate seats, and tea party favorites Rand Paul in Kentucky, Mike Lee in Utah and Marco Rubio in Florida were among their winners. But

Christine O'Donnell lost badly in Delaware, for a seat that Republican strategists once calculated would be theirs with ease. And they lost the nation's most closely watched race, in Nevada, where Majority Leader Harry Reid was a winner in an especially costly and brutal campaign in a year filled with them.

The GOP also wrested nine governorships from the Democrats, Ohio and Pennsylvania among them. In New York, Andrew Cuomo won the office his father, Mario, held for three terms. And in California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., was successful in his bid for a comeback to the governor's office he occupied for two terms more than a quarter-century ago.

The biggest win was the House, a victory made all the more remarkable given the drubbing Republicans absorbed at the hands of Democrats in 2006 and again in 2008.

The takeaways came in bunches—five Democratic-held seats each in Pennsylvania and Ohio and three in Florida and Virginia.

Democrats conceded nothing while they still had a chance. "Let's go out there and continue to fight," Speaker Nancy Pelosi exhorted supporters in remarks before television cameras while the polls were still open in much of the country.

But not long after she spoke, Democratic incumbents in both houses began falling, and her own four-year tenure as the first female speaker in history was doomed. She gave no indication of her own plans.

With unemployment at 9.6 percent nationally, interviews with voters revealed an extraordinarily sour electorate, stressed financially and poorly disposed toward the president, the political parties and the federal government.

Sen.-elect Paul, appearing Tuesday night before supporters in Bowling Green, Ky., declared, "We've come to take our government back."

About four in 10 voters said they were worse off financially than two years ago, according to preliminary exit poll results and pre-election surveys. More than one in three said their votes were an expression of opposition to Obama. More than half expressed negative views about both political parties. Roughly 40 percent of voters considered themselves supporters of the conservative tea party movement. Less than half said they wanted the government to do more to solve problems.

Republicans were certain of at least six Senate pickups, including the seat in Illinois that Obama resigned to become president. Rep. Mark Kirk won there, defeating Alexi Giannoulis.

publican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Democrats also held onto governorships in New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Arkansas and Colorado.

The gubernatorial races were especially important this year. There are a record number of them on the ballot—more than two-thirds of the states. Governors will play important roles in 2012 presidential politics, especially in swing states, and governors next year will participate in redistricting of congressional and legislative seat to reflect the 2010 census.

New York Democrat Andrew Cuomo surged past tea party Republican Carl Paladino to win the governor's seat, the same post his father, Mario, had held two decades ago. "The people have spoken tonight, and they have been loud and clear," Cuomo said standing alongside his father and mother. "They are angry."

In Massachusetts, Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick won a second term, defeating Republican Charles Baker and two other candidates. Patrick and Obama share Chicago

roots and Harvard Law degrees, and national Republicans tried hard to topple him.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley withstood a hard-fought challenge from his predecessor, former Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich. And New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch and Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe, both Democrats, were also re-elected.

Denver's Democratic mayor, John Hickenlooper, was elected Colorado governor despite a challenge from both Republican Dan Maes and immigration hard-liner Tom Tancredo, a former Republican House member. Hickenlooper succeeds Democratic Gov. Bill Ritter, who did not run for re-election.

As Democratic gubernatorial and congressional casualties were piling up, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, head of the Republican Governors Association and a possible 2012 presidential contender, compared the GOP victories to 1994, when Republicans seized control of both House and Senate.

"The stakes in this election were so much higher," Barbour told a gathering of Republicans.

## Congress' new agenda

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With Republicans gaining ground Tuesday, the congressional agenda will change. What could happen to some key issues:

Issue	Status	Outlook
<b>Tax cuts</b>	Bush-era cuts expire Dec. 31; President Barack Obama wants only to extend middle class cuts; Republican leaders want all extended	Should be resolved in lame duck session that begins Nov. 15, with temporary extensions of all cuts the best bet
<b>Health care</b>	New health care overhaul signed into law in March, some parts already taking effect; GOP wants the law repealed and replaced with malpractice changes and other provisions	One of the first, and potentially ugliest battles of 2011; but getting 60 Senate votes to break an anti-repeal filibuster will be difficult; even if that hurdle is clear, no repeal is likely while Obama is president
<b>Debt Ceiling</b>	Current ceiling likely to be exceeded early 2011; Republicans will demand tough budget spending cuts in exchange for their support	A high-stakes fight that will say a lot about whether White House and GOP are willing to compromise
<b>Fiscal 2011 and 2012 budgets</b>	FY 2011 spending authority expires Dec. 3; House Republicans want to roll back most domestic spending to 2008 levels	Probably not much controversy over the current budget, but a big showdown likely over the 2012 blueprint
<b>Job creation</b>	Republicans want more tax breaks for small business, require congressional approval of major regulations and "permanently stopping all tax increases scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2011"	Lot of bipartisan support for helping small business, but little Democratic backing for permanent freeze on tax hikes

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## GOP captures governorships in at least 10 states

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans captured Democratic governorships in at least 10 states on Tuesday, including some prime presidential battlegrounds, and hoped for even more statehouse gains.

The same tide sweeping Republicans into office in Congress was leaving its mark on governors' mansions as well, especially in the nation's industrial heartland.

Changing hands in the GOP onslaught: governorships now held by Democrats in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Wyoming.

In Ohio, a state viewed by both parties as crucial to the 2012 presidential election, former Rep. John Kasich defeated Gov. Ted Strickland. Republican Susana Martinez won the New Mexico governorship—she is the first Latina chief executive of a state—and will succeed Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson.

But there were a few bright spots for Democrats. In California, Democrat Jerry Brown coasted past former eBay CEO Meg Whitman to reclaim the post he held three decades ago. He will replace moderate Re-

## Legalize-marijuana measure loses in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Warned of dangers and legal chaos, California voters Tuesday rejected a measure that would have made their state the first to legalize the use and sale of marijuana.

The spirited campaign over Proposition 19 had pitted the state's political and law enforcement establishment against determined activists seeking to end the prohibition of pot.

It was by far the highest-profile of the 160 ballot measures being decided in 37 states. Other measures dealt with abortion, tax cuts and health care reform.

On a night of conservative advances in much of the country, Massachusetts voters spurned a chance to cut their taxes—rejecting a proposal to lower the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 3 percent. Critics said the cut would have forced the state to slash \$2.5 billion in services,

including local aid to cities and towns.

In Oklahoma, voters overwhelmingly passed three measures that had dismayed some progressive and immigrants-rights groups. One makes English the state's "common and unifying language," another requires a government-issued photo ID in order to vote, and the third prohibits state courts from considering international law or Islamic law when deciding cases.

California's marijuana proposal—titled the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act—would have allowed adults 21 and over to possess up to an ounce of pot, consume it in nonpublic places as long as no children were present, and grow it in small private plots.

Proposition 19 also would have authorized local governments to permit commercial pot

cultivation, as well as the sale and use of marijuana at licensed establishments.

Proponents pitched it as a sensible, though unprecedented, experiment that would provide much-needed revenue for the cash-strapped state, dent the drug-related violence in Mexico by causing pot prices to plummet, and reduce marijuana arrests that they say disproportionately target minority youth.

The state branches of the NAACP and the League of United Latin American Citizens endorsed it, as did several retired police chiefs. However, every major newspaper, both political parties, the two candidates for governor and all but a handful of leading politicians came out against it.

Federal officials said they would continue enforcing laws against marijuana possession and sales if the initiative had passed.



# Asia

## SKorea fires warning shots toward NKorean boat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's navy fired warning shots to chase away a North Korean fishing boat that crossed their disputed sea border early Wednesday, the Defense Ministry said, in the latest flareup of tension on the divided peninsula just days before the Group of 20 summit in Seoul.

The North Korean boat intruded on South Korean territory for about two hours before returning to North Korean waters early Wednesday, the ministry said. The fertile maritime border, the scene of three deadly skirmishes between the Koreas, is a key flashpoint because the North does not recognize the line drawn by the U.N. at the close of the 1950-53 Korean War.

The firing comes just days after North Korea shot two rounds at a South Korean guard post in the Demilitarized Zone, prompting return fire from South Korean troops, according to Seoul military officials.

South Korea is bracing for any possible North Korean moves to sabotage next week's Group of 20 summit of world



North Korean soldiers march to receive a coffin containing the body of a North Korean soldier who was found dead in September in the South Korea's Hantan River during a repatriation ceremony at the border village of the Panmunjom (DMZ) that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, north of Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

leaders. North Korea has a track record of provocations when world attention is focused on the rival South.

In 1987, a year before the Seoul Olympics, North Korean agents planted a bomb on a South Korean plane, killing all 115 people on board. In 2002, when South Korea jointly hosted soccer's World Cup along with Japan, a North Korean naval boat sank a South Korean

patrol vessel near the sea border.

President Lee Myung-bak said Wednesday that he does not believe Pyongyang would strike South Korea but that Seoul was ready for anything.

"The South Korean government is making thorough preparations against (any possible attacks) by North Korea and worldwide terrorist organizations," Lee told reporters during a televised news conference.

## Thai soldiers race to help flooded southern city

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand rushed soldiers and its only aircraft carrier to rescue residents in a key southern city submerged by the latest flooding that peaked as high as rooftops, after 107 people died from deluges in the northeast last month.

The southern commercial hub of Hat Yai was transformed into a murky waterway with roads completely inaccessible by cars. Trains to the city were canceled.

Floodwaters were as high as rooftops in some areas of Hat Yai on Tuesday, but the water had receded by half on Wednesday to about 4 feet (just over 1 meter), said Vijiit Thammasaro from the province's disaster pre-

vention office.

A tropical depression that dumped constant rain on the area Sunday and Monday triggered the flooding, which forced the closure for a second day of the airport on Samui island, a popular tourist getaway in the Gulf of Thailand.

Thailand's meteorological department said the storm was moving west, away from Thailand, but warned of 13-foot (4-meter) waves in some coastal areas and the possibility of landslides and flash floods for residents in low-lying areas.

"I'm confident the situation has started to resolve," Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said

Wednesday, a day after calling the flooding "one of the worst natural calamities" to hit the country.

Thailand's only aircraft carrier, which rarely leaves its berth, was deployed to help out and was expected to reach the coastal waters off Hat Yai by midday Wednesday. It carried helicopters, marine amphibious landing craft and thousands of meals to distribute to residents.

Abhisit said that relief efforts had been complicated by rapid currents in flooded areas that prevented the use of regular motorboats, but boats with bigger engines had been mobilized to reach the troubled areas.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Japan calls back Moscow envoy, summit door open

TOKYO (AP)—Japan temporarily recalled its ambassador from Moscow on Tuesday but left the door open for a possible summit despite growing anger in Tokyo over the Russian president's visit to a disputed island off Japan's northern coast. Dmitry Medvedev's trip to Kunashiri island on Monday—the first by a Russian leader—put Tokyo in a difficult position, especially with regard to conservatives in the opposition, and came as the government is embroiled in another heated territorial dispute with China over islands in the south. Tokyo on Tuesday said it was temporarily bringing its ambassador to Moscow back to Japan to discuss the issue. It did not say how long the ambassador would remain.

#### Myanmar cancels voting in more minority areas

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Election authorities in military-ruled Myanmar canceled voting in Sunday's elections in more areas where restive ethnic minorities are dominant. The Union Election Commission canceled balloting in the Nov. 7

elections in 12 more village tracts in six constituencies in Kayah state "as conditions are not conducive to holding a free and fair election," according to an official notice seen Tuesday. Each tract comprises several villages. The announcement in the official gazette gave no further explanation for the action, but exile Myanmar media have reported recent clashes between ethnic Karenni groups and government troops in Kayah state.

#### Sydney zoo celebrates birth of Asian elephant

SYDNEY (AP)—Sydney's premier zoo is celebrating the birth of its first female Asian elephant—a 270 pound (120 kilogram) calf that is doing well. Taronga Zoo director Cameron Kerr said in a statement that the birth Tuesday means that Australia now has a dozen of the endangered animals in zoos in Sydney and Melbourne, after initially receiving eight from Thailand in 2006. The newborn, which has yet to be named, is the third born in the Sydney zoo and the first female. The zoo says the calf was suckling within two hours of birth and walking unassisted within three hours.

# World

## Bombings, mortar strikes kill 76 across Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP)—Rapid-fire bombings and mortar strikes killed 76 people and wounded more than 200 across Baghdad's myriad neighborhoods Tuesday, demonstrating the insurgents' ability to carry out coordinated strikes from one side of the capital to the other.

The attack—blasts in at least 13 separate neighborhoods—was clearly designed to hit civilians at restaurants and cafes where many Iraqis were gathered to enjoy the warm evening. The sophistication and the targets—Shiites—suggested that al-Qaida-linked Sunni militants were responsible for the deadliest day in Iraq since May.

The strikes, two days after the bloody siege of a downtown church, were stunning in their scope—indicating a high degree of coordination and complexity from an insurgency that just a few months



A wounded boy recovers after a bombing in the Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

ago U.S. and Iraqi officials were saying was all but defeated.

"They say the situation is under the control. Where is their control?" said Hussein al-Saiedi, a 26-year-old resident of Baghdad's sprawling Sadr City

slum, where 21 people were killed when a parked car blew up near a market in Tuesday's deadliest bombing.

"We were just standing on the street when we heard a loud noise, and then saw smoke and pieces of cars, falling from the sky," al-Saiedi said. People were fleeing the site in panic, frantically calling the names of their relatives and friends.

The bombings began at about 6:15 p.m. and lasted for hours. The assailants used booby-trapped cars and a motorcycle, roadside bombs and mortars. Though 10 neighborhoods targeted were home to mostly Shiites, a couple of strikes hit Sunni communities as well.

In addition to the 76 dead, 232 people were wounded, according to police and hospital officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

## Haiti wants major camp evacuated ahead of storm

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—It was the jewel of Haiti's post-earthquake recovery: an organized relocation camp with thousands of tents billed as hurricane-resistant, lined up in neat rows on graded mountain soil.

Now, staring down an expected hit later this week from a hurricane, officials say Corail-Cesselesse is not safe. On Tuesday, the government advised the estimated 7,850 residents of its primary relocation camp to ride out the storm somewhere else.

"We're asking people in Corail to voluntarily move from where they are and go to the houses of family or friends. The places the government has identified are churches

and schools that are available for shelter from the storm," Haiti civil protection official Abel Nazaire told The Associated Press.

Camp managers held a "loudspeaker meeting" with megaphones to tell residents about the evacuation order, said Bryant Castro, the American Refugee Committee staffer managing the camp. Residents were told to seek any home they could find and are expected to start leaving as soon as Wednesday.

A hurricane over the weekend, Tropical Storm Tomas was in the central Caribbean late Tuesday with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Cen-

ter in Miami. Its center was about 385 miles (620 kilometers) south-southwest of Port-au-Prince and moving west near 8 mph (13 kph).

Forecasters predicted it will veer north toward Haiti and slow in its forward movement. The forecast said Tomas was likely to strengthen over the next 48 hours, and could regain hurricane strength by Friday. A hurricane watch was issued for Jamaica, and the center said the storm could dump up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) of rain on Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Tomas has already killed at least 14 people and left seven missing in the eastern Caribbean nation of St. Lucia, where it caused more than \$37 million in damage.



### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Ivory Coast: first election results released

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)—The first major results from an election aimed at reuniting war-divided Ivory Coast showed a tight race early Wednesday between President Laurent Gbagbo and this West African nation's main opposition leader. Electoral commission spokesman Bamba Yacouba has announced vote tallies from about 2.2 million of the country's 5.7 million registered voters so far. The results show Gbagbo with about 35 percent of votes cast, compared to roughly the same amount for opposition leader Alassane Ouattara, according to an Associated Press tabulation.

#### Leaders of Colombia, Venezuela seek improved ties

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos agreed Tuesday to strengthen ties through energy projects as they sought to improve relations and leave behind recent bitter disputes. They agreed to resurrect

plans for a natural gas pipeline stretching from Venezuela to Central America and also revived a proposal to build an oil pipeline from Venezuela's oil fields to Colombia's Pacific coast. Venezuela's state oil company will resume fuel sales to Colombian border states and Chavez invited Colombian oil company Ecopetrol to seek a deal to pump oil in Venezuela's crude-rich Orinoco River basin.

#### Costa Rica denounces alleged Nicaraguan incursion

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—Costa Rican officials are preparing to go before the Organization of American States on Wednesday to seek support in a dispute with Nicaragua over the river dividing the two countries—continuing a lengthy feud between the Central American neighbors. Costa Rican officials asked for the meeting over allegations that Nicaraguan troops have intruded into Costa Rican territory and that Nicaraguan dredging of the river caused environmental damage. Nicaragua denies both allegations.



# Focus

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—When Rohan Coombs joined the U.S. Marine Corps, he never thought one day he would be locked up in an immigration detention center and facing deportation from the country he had vowed to defend.

Coombs, 43, born in Jamaica, immigrated to the United States legally as a child with his family. He signed up to serve his adopted nation for six years—first in Japan and the Philippines, then in the Persian Gulf during the first war with Iraq.

Up to 8,000 non-citizens enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces every year and serve alongside American troops. As of

Advocates estimate that thousands of veterans have been deported or are in detention. Government officials say they have no tally but plan to begin tracking the numbers.

The push comes as criminal courts are increasingly listening to arguments for leniency for veterans.

So-called veterans courts, which give them specialized treatment, now number more than 30, with a dozen more planned.

Next month, new U.S. Sentencing Commission rules will make it possible for federal judges to consider a criminal defendant's military service

and he got caught.

In 1992, he was court-martialed for possession of cocaine and marijuana with the intent to distribute, and was given 18 months of confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

He continued to struggle with drugs.

"Things would be going well, then something would happen," he said.

He got married, and that helped. When his wife died in 2001 of diabetes-related complications, he started smoking marijuana again.

In 2008, he was busted for selling marijuana to an undercover officer while working as a bouncer in an Or-

On the other side of the country, Dardar Paye is appealing his deportation case to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Paye came to the U.S. from war torn Liberia as a 13-year-old. He joined the Army in 1998, serving in Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Fox and then in a NATO peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. He returned to New Jersey, where his family lives, to spend another year and a half

neys say that before the 1996 Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, few immigrant veterans were deported, because immigration authorities could take their service into consideration.

The law added crimes such as drug possession for sale to the list of serious crimes that could lead to deportation of a legal immigrant.

"Drugs, anger management, weapons charges, that's what a lot of vets are getting caught for, and there is no relief," said Margaret

# Immigrant vets face deportation despite service

By JULIANA BARBASSA  
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May 2010, there were 16,966 non-citizens on active duty. The military does not allow illegal immigrants to enlist.

If non-citizens die while serving, they are given citizenship and a military funeral. If they live and get in trouble with the law, as Coombs did, they can get caught in the net of a 1996 immigration law that greatly expanded the list of crimes for which non-citizens can be deported.

"As far as I was concerned, I was a citizen," said Coombs, whose soft-spoken, introspective nature contrast with his physical presence. Coombs stands 6 foot 5 and weighs more than 260 pounds—a gentle giant, according to his fiancée, Robyn Sword.

Now advocates of non-citizen servicemen and women are trying to change that. Attorneys are taking cases like Coombs' to court, arguing that an immigrant who serves in the Armed Forces should be considered a U.S. national and protected from deportation.

"These are people who served us—whether they are model human beings or not," said Coombs' attorney, Craig Shagin of Harrisburg, Pa. "They served in our uniforms, in our wars. If they were POWs, they'd be considered American prisoners."

Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, is looking into potential changes to the law so immigrants who serve in the military can avoid deportation.

"You come back from Iraq or Afghanistan today, you have put yourself on the line for this country," said Filner. "An incredible number of kids come back with an injury or illness that puts them in trouble with the law. To simply have these people deported is not a good way to thank them for their service."

and mental and emotional condition to issue a lesser prison sentence. The rules, however, would not apply to immigration judges.

Most immigrants serve with distinction. The Center for Naval Analyses, a federally funded research and development center for the Navy and the Marine Corps, found that non-citizens are far more likely to complete their enlistment obligations successfully than their U.S.-born counterparts.

Coombs was one who did not make the grade.

He spent 10 months in the Persian Gulf and lost friends to combat, he said. After the war, he felt depressed and anxious. His family was far away in New York, and he said "whining" to fellow Marines didn't seem an option.

Instead, he got involved with drugs,

ange County bar. He spent eight months in state prison.

"I don't want to make excuses. I made mistakes. I thought I knew the consequences—I served my time," he said in a telephone interview.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement found that his criminal convictions made him eligible for deportation, and he was turned over to ICE after serving his sentence. He has been held in a San Diego immigration detention center for 22 months and is appealing to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court.

Coombs was stunned to realize he could be forced to leave the country for his crimes.

"This is the only life I've known," he said. "The only time I left this country was when I was deployed overseas. This is my home."

with the Army National Guard.

In 2008, he was convicted of six weapons-related offenses, including two involving firearms dealing, and served time in federal prison. Now, like Coombs, he is facing deportation and is feeling betrayed. "When I was in Kuwait, in Kosovo, I was like everyone else who was there, putting their lives on the line," said Paye, who in the Army was an armored vehicle crewman. "Now I feel like they just used me for what they wanted, and now they're throwing me away."

Advocates and immigration attor-



▲ In this undated photo provided by the US Marine Corps, Rohan Coombs is shown. AP

Stock, a recently retired Army reservist and immigration attorney who taught at the United States Military Academy at West Point. "The 1996 law really put the nails in their coffin."

Coombs' attorneys, Shagin and Heather Boxeth of San Diego, Calif., who have represented or advised immigrant veterans in similar straits, estimate up to 4,000 veterans who served as long ago as World War II are now in immigration detention or have been deported, but acknowledge that there are no hard numbers.

ICE spokeswoman Lori Haley said identifying and removing dangerous criminals from the country is an agency priority—and that the cases of people with prior military service are carefully reviewed.

Meantime, the military has started to offer a fast-track to citizenship to immigrants currently serving. Now, most joining the Army can expect to be citizens by the end of basic training, said Stock. Other branches are expected to join the effort by the end of the year.

That help doesn't extend to those who have already served such as Paye and Coombs.

"If I had died," said Coombs, they would have made me a citizen, given me a military funeral, and given the flag to my mom. But I didn't die. Here I am. I just want another chance."



In this Oct. 14, 2010 photo, military veteran Dardar Paye sits in his family's home in Maplewood, N.J. AP



# Environment

## Research paints grim picture of potential species extinction

By ERYN BROWN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**L**OS ANGELES—Politicians gathering in Nagoya, Japan, for the United Nations' 10th Convention on Biological Diversity—a summit to set conservation goals for 2020—face grim news: Scientists have reported that one-fifth of Earth's vertebrate species are in danger of extinction.

But the outlook for biodiversity would have been even bleaker without conservation efforts, according to the researchers, whose work was published online Tuesday in the journal *Science*.

"We've had some successes," said study co-author Neil A. Cox of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Conservation International. "Without conservation in place, extinctions would be much worse than they currently are."

The International Union for Conservation of Nature periodically surveys biodiversity worldwide and categorizes species on its so-called Red List based on their extinction risk. The new update compiled data for 25,780 vertebrate species: all mammals, birds, amphibians and cartilaginous fishes—such as sharks—and about 1,500 species each of reptiles and bony fish.

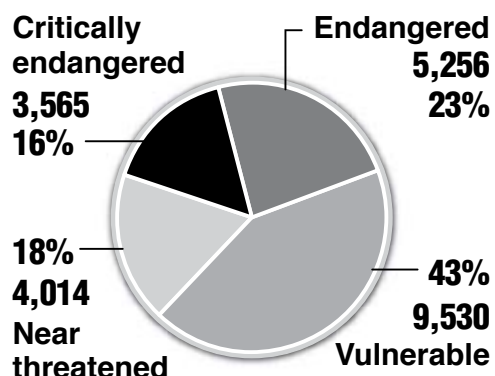
Amphibians are the most endangered, with 30 percent of species threatened. Of mammals, reptiles and fish, 21 percent are threatened, as are 12 percent of birds. On average, 52 species of mammals, birds and amphibians move one category closer to extinction each year, the paper noted.

The Red List, which draws on the expertise of about 8,000 scientists, is unusually comprehensive, scientists said. "This is really thorough coverage," said Paul W. Leadley, a professor of

### Threatened

*Fifty species move closer to extinction each year and one-fifth of the world's species are under threat of extinction.*

#### Species threatened with global extinction



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Source: Red List of Threatened Species

ecology at the Universite Paris-Sud 11 in France.

The update includes the Red List's first survey of conservation successes, Cox said. Sixty-eight species—mostly mammals and birds—improved in status, all but four because of conservation efforts such as hunting restrictions and controlling invasive species. Among these: the humpback whale, whose numbers have increased since the introduction of restrictions on whaling, and the California condor, which has rebounded somewhat through a captive breeding and reintroduction program.

But Leadley, who co-authored another biodiversity paper in the same issue of *Science*, cautioned against placing too much emphasis on efforts to save celebrity species, one by one. "The number of species facing extinction may get to the point that you can't (address) the species individually," he said.

He said broader efforts, including addressing climate change, deforestation and pollution, would be key in the future.

Participants in the Nagoya talks hope to establish conservation goals for 2020. The previous target, for 2010, focused on achieving "a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss." Though that goal was not met, Cox said his team's

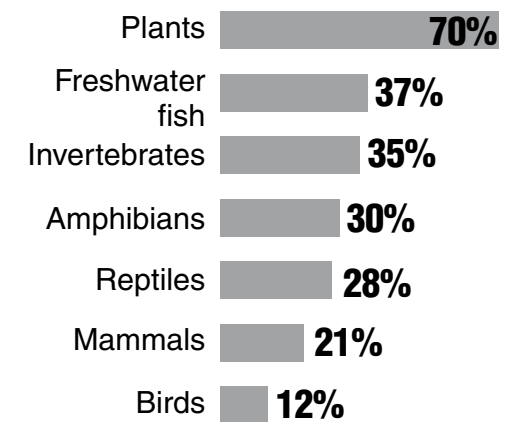
research showed that it still made sense to establish new targets.

"We've missed the target on 2010, but if you invest in conservation, there's gain to be made," he said.

### Species in danger

*Percentage of species assessed so far that are threatened:*

#### Endangered or vulnerable



**• Out of 47,677 species in the Red List of Threatened Species, 17,291 are at serious risk**

Source: IUCN

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By MALCOLM RITTER  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—On average, 52 species of mammals, birds and amphibians are taking a significant step toward extinction each year, a huge new analysis says.

But if not for conservation efforts, the march would be even faster, researchers reported Tuesday.

Efforts to save endangered animals are making a difference, even as about 1 in 5 of the world's backbone species—mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish—are threatened with extinction, according to a study published online in the journal *Science*.

The report was released as delegates from more than 190 nations meet at a United Nations conference in Nagoya, Japan, to set 20 measurable targets to combat the loss of many diverse species.

"Our results should be a timely wake-up call to governments in Nagoya," said Stuart Butchart, a study author and global research coordinator at BirdLife International. "Biodiversity is in a desperate state. Its situation is getting worse, but our results show we can turn the situation around. We just need greater political will and resources."

The study considered almost 26,000 species of vertebrates—animals with a backbone—whose conservation status is on the "Red List" of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. It found that about one-fifth of vertebrate species are "threatened," meaning they are close to going extinct in the near future. That ranges from 13 percent of birds to 41 percent of amphibians.

The one-fifth number isn't much of a surprise, but the new study is the

## ...even as conservation slows animal extinctions



In a July 11, 2008 file photo, a trio of humpback whales break the surface of the water as they work together in a group behavior known as "bubble feeding" off the coast of Cape Cod near Provincetown, Mass. Efforts to save endangered animals are making a measureable difference, even as a fifth of the world's backbone species—mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fishes—are threatened with extinction, a huge new analysis says.

first global audit of vertebrates, said Craig Hilton-Taylor of the IUCN, a study author.

To look for trends, the authors used a statistical measure that tracks how particular species have moved among the eight categories of the Red List—an indication of improvement or worsening

of their conservation status. Because of data limitations, they focused on birds, mammals and amphibians. Their results translate to an average of 52 species moving one category closer to extinction each year.

Amphibians, which include frogs and salamanders, showed the fastest

decline, with mammals second. The trend was less severe for birds, but still included creatures like the green-colored Hose's broadbill of Malaysia and Indonesia, which has suffered declines in its forest habitat.

About 1 in 6 declines in conservation status in the study resulted

in extinction, the authors said. The extinctions include the golden toad of Costa Rica and a Hawaiian forest bird called the Kamao.

To study whether conservation efforts like protecting habitat or controlling predators were helping, the authors examined cases where a species' status improved, moving away from extinction. That was the case in 68 of the 928 reclassifications they found, almost entirely due to conservation action, the authors said. Nearly all involved mammals or birds, because they have a longer and better-funded history of conservation efforts, the authors said.

Humpback whales, for example, moved from "vulnerable" to being at low risk for extinction because of protections against commercial whaling, the authors said.

In all, the researchers calculated that the overall march toward extinction would have been some 20 percent faster if no conservation steps had been taken. But they also said the true impact is much greater than their calculations could show.

"Conservation is working, it's just not enough" at current levels, said Ana Rodrigues of the Center for Evolutionary and Functional Ecology in Montpellier, France, a study author.

Stuart Pimm, a conservation expert at Duke University who didn't participate in the study, agreed that the results contain good news.

"A lot of those species would have been moving a lot faster (toward extinction) if it weren't for conservation efforts," he said. "Conservation efforts really do work, they're just not stemming the full extent of the losses of species. The overall trend is still downhill."



# Life & Style

## Vera Wang: 20 tips learned over 20 years

By **SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)**—To make a name for yourself in fashion, especially a household name, there is a lot to learn about timing, trends, egos. Vera Wang has mastered many of those lessons in the 20 years she has led her own namesake company.

Wang made a list for The Associated Press of 20 nuggets of wisdom she has gained in her career, not only as her own boss but reaching back to her time competitive ice-skating (she was a contender for the 1968 U.S. Olympic team), as a Vogue editor, and as a designer at Ralph Lauren.

She remains on alert for new tricks and strategies (that seems to be tip No. 21).

**1. It's not just about what you design, it is whom you dress.**

Wang tackled the red carpet long before she launched her runway collection. She was, however, already making bridal gowns and competition skating costumes, so it was not a huge leap.

"I jumped into celebrity dressing when it was pretty new. There had been a moment of Scaasi with Barbra Streisand and Bob Mackie with Cher, but not in more recent times, so I jumped in with Valentino and Armani, and there was an article in Women's Wear about how I was dressing Sharon Stone," Wang says.

Stone's 1998 Oscar-night combo of a purple skirt by Wang and white button-down shirt was publicity Wang never could have bought. Wang still has a strong awards-show presence, but, she says, it is tougher now. "Now it's the fashion Olympics to get people to wear your stuff. ... The Oscars are killer."

**2. Timing is everything.**

Even though her preference was for sportswear, the opportunity in fashion in the late '80s-early '90s was eveningwear and bridal because those were big, expensive show-stopping pieces in the spirit of Christian Lacroix. Now, Wang says, in this era of Theory and Topshop, she probably would do the reverse and start with contemporary, everyday clothes.



This March 5, 2006 file photo shows British actress Keira Knightley as she arrives for the 78th Academy Awards wearing a silky one-shoulder gown custom-made by Vera Wang in Los Angeles.

**3. Luck helps too: It is better to be lucky than smart.**

Sometimes the big break comes from something out of your control. Wang points to Jason Wu, designer of Michelle Obama's inaugural gown and many more outfits since then. He is a young talent worthy of all the hype and praise, but there are other still-undiscovered designers who are, too.

"Smart" comes into play when you recognize the lucky break you've been handed and make the most of it, Wang says.

**4. Nothing is new in fashion; it is about how you reinterpret it.**

There are only so many ways a garment can be sewn to be functional and flattering, Wang says. The challenge for the designers is to twist it and make it their own.

**5. It is not about the money.**

**It is about the money, always.**

"We creative people don't like worrying about it, but to be in business today, you have to face the reality of the business climate," Wang declares. "I've redefined my business model constantly."

Wang's current partnerships include more affordable lines at Kohl's and David's Bridal. Business deals that make sense while maintaining integrity allow her to let the creative juices continue for her primary collection, which is costly, she says.

**6. Relevance is relevant.**

Right now, in 2010, women want clothes that move seamlessly within their lifestyle and within their budget. If you cannot mix a collection piece with something from a mass retailer, rarely will it see the light of day.

"Women don't run around in

ball gowns, I'm sorry to say."

**7. Everyone deserves true fashion at any price.**

No matter how much something costs, high or low, it is an investment by the shopper, and she should be getting something that looks good. Style should be democratic, Wang says.

**8. Fragrance is about the most personal thing a person can wear.**

"Fragrance makes a statement about who you are," says Wang. You want to be a girlie girl? There's a scent for that. Rebel rocker? There's a scent for that, too. City sophisticate? Check.

"Girls can attain fragrance and incorporate it into their daily lives and not spend a fortune."

(And the messaging incorporated into fragrance ads really helps define your brand to a larger audience, she adds.)

**9. A pair of shoes or boots can create attitude in a second.**

You are not wearing the same persona in ballet flats as heels, and clunky Uggs create a different aura altogether, says Wang.

**10. Fashion is expressive.**

Building on the shoe-attitude theory, use accessories to change your outfit depending on your mood, but keep the core pieces classic. Change proportions, wear fine jewelry with T-shirts or a chunky necklace with a gown, she advises. But then keep those pieces and wear them a new way next year.

"Twenty years ago, fashion was all about rules: You wore a pump to a luncheon and a certain Hermes bag. Now it is about what works for you: be preppy, downtown or Goth, or be all of those on a given day."

**11. In design, all people have is their own barometer to guide them.**

Yes, there are larger cultural trends that designers need to be aware of, but Wang says if she is not "feeling" a particular color or silhouette, no matter how popular, it will not work in her collection. If she does not believe in something, how can she persuade others to?

**12. "I have spent my entire career styling, dressing and designing only for women. Never underestimate the client."**

Wang says she does not give a thought to what men will think of women wearing her clothes. If the

woman feels pretty and sexy, she is pretty and sexy. Winning her over is all that matters.

**13. Ready-to-wear: always out of my comfort zone.**

The runway is Wang's chance to show off who she is and her aesthetic. (Think artful and dramatic.)

She says: "Designing this is a torturous process. It's never easy for me, but that's been good. I always push myself out of my comfort zone. I don't see a reason to do it if I don't."

**14. Bridal: conservative, flamboyant; you never know.**

The bridal collection has to have much broader appeal and be targeted toward the client's tastes, Wang says. Most brides are not as influenced by fashion trends as they are the vision of the wedding dress they always have dreamed of. She considers herself more of a costume designer in the spirit of Edith Head than a taste-maker when it comes to bridal.

**15. It takes courage to put yourself out there.**

Reviews can be hard to read, she says, because the reviewers are ignoring the bravery it takes on a designer's part to churn out collection after collection,—on a strict schedule,—to an often fickle audience. A filmmaker, for example, often can reshoot something or extend a deadline when something is not working. A designer does not have that luxury.

**16. Dressing athletes is a crazy winning, and losing, sport.**

Skating was such an important part of her own life that she gets very emotionally wound up with the skaters she has dressed, including Nancy Kerrigan, Mi-

chelle Kwan and Evan Lysacek, she explains. She wants the clothing to contribute to a performance instead of hamper it, which could happen if things are not cut perfectly.

**17. You are not always successful.**

"I had to learn to dust myself off and try again. That's my real story. I went to Vogue, and I was not getting the big jobs, and then I went to Ralph Lauren. I didn't feel like there was much more I could do at the time there, and I think that's given me the opportunity to struggle. You have to struggle to appreciate the successes in your life. It is not real otherwise."

**18. You are only as good as your team.**

No one can do it all, Wang says, herself included. Fashion is not unlike a team sport, where there are a handful of people who get the glory, but it took many to get them where they are.

**19. Keep fighting. Do not sit on your laurels.**

If you hang back, even just one season or one awards show, someone else is waiting to take your place, she says.

**20. Everyone's journey/route is different.**

Wang says she tries hard not to compare herself to other designers, businesswomen, wives or mothers. Everyone makes choices based on their own situation, and no one else will ever understand those decisions fully, she says, they can only second-guess them.

"I've tried to create a life for me that is complete. The truth is, everyone's route is different. It doesn't mean one is better than the other; they're just different."

## WWD picks 100 designers who shaped fashion

**NEW YORK (AP)**—From Adolfo to Yohji Yamamoto, Women's Wear Daily has recorded the A to Z of fashion over the last 100 years. There are the suffragettes, flappers, career women in pantsuits and, later, miniskirts.

Fashion is an industry that's always on the hunt for the next big thing. Yet, in researching a new book about a century of style, "WWD 100 Years, 100

Designers," executive editor Bridget Foley found some constants.

"So many designers, when they talk about their work talk about women first," Foley says. "There's an ongoing idea and a belief among the very best designers that you have to push forward, but also that you also always have to consider what women will wear."

For all the declarations of

trends, including hemlines, silhouettes and embellishments, Foley finds that most garments—be they skinny jeans or pencil skirts—are consistently available year after year, even when they're not winning headlines.

And, she adds, however modern and urban we like to think black is, women have been wearing it—regularly—

since the 1920s.

The power of buzz has been around even longer.

Some of the designers included in the book were chosen because they literally changed the shape of fashion: Paul Poiret, Claire McCardell and Christian Dior, among them. But someone such as Gabrielle Chanel (known, of course, as Coco) really created an entire culture around a brand.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF Ignacio P. Togawa

*"Known as TAKABO"*

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# At No. 1, Lil Wayne redefines stardom behind bars

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
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**NEW YORK (AP)**—He had the top-selling album in America a few weeks ago. He's on the president's iPod. He's on the charts with two singles and a collaboration on a third. He's on Facebook with updates for the more than 14 million people following them. He is, in every respect, on.

By the way, Lil Wayne's in jail. But his public persona is anything but locked away.

The rapper, who's on track to be released Thursday after serving eight months in a gun case, is the first artist in 15 years to release a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart while serving a prison sentence. His "I Am Not a Human Being" spent a week in the top slot and has sold more

than 323,000 copies since its Sept. 27 release, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

It's hardly a coveted distinction. But it is both a reflection of Lil Wayne's popularity—he went to jail a multiplatinum-selling Grammy Award winner—and a result of astute maneuvering in the multimedia landscape that now envelops pop stardom. Staying relevant? Try omnipresent.

"The challenge was to make sure you feel like he never left," says Bryan "Birdman" Williams, the Cash Money Records co-founder who has fostered Lil Wayne's career since the rapper's teens. "We came with a good strategy, and it worked."

Members of the rapper's management team carefully scheduled releases of music and saw to it that his responses to the deluge

of fan mail that has descended on the city's Rikers Island jail complex were typed up and posted online. They have become regulars at Rikers' visiting hours and have played, and recorded, music over a jail phone.

The Lil Wayne campaign even comes with its own insider-y slogan—"free Weezy," one of his nicknames—circulated through channels ranging from T-shirts to a Twitter hashtag.

For the rapper, his jail term has been a difficult exile from the recording studio where he generally likes to spend time every night, his associates say. "When you take somebody's passion away, it's gotta be frustrating," Williams said in an interview.

But for his fans, it has provided not only a steady stream of new music, but an unusual-



AP

In this Jan. 30, 2009 file photo, Rapper Lil Wayne arrives on the red carpet for a party in Tampa, Fla. Lil Wayne is in jail, but his public persona is still active.

ly direct connection to one of music's megastars. On a blog he set up for fans, he's offered insights into his day-to-day doings and responses to some of the listener letters that, he says, anchor his day.

"I never imagined that I could have such an impact on people's lives," he wrote in July on the site, Weezythanxyou.com.

Known for his workaholic output of witty, manifold and sometimes weird wordplay, Lil Wayne had the best-selling al-

bum of 2008 and won a best rap album Grammy with "Tha Carter III." Time magazine weighed him for its most-influential-people list last year; President Barack Obama recently told Rolling Stone he has some Lil Wayne music on his iPod.

The rapper, born Dwayne Carter Jr., pleaded guilty in October 2009 to having a loaded gun on his tour bus after a Manhattan concert in 2007. He began serving his one-year sentence in March.

He's expected to get out early because of time off for good behavior, despite the electronic contraband that landed him in solitary confinement for the last month of his term: a charger and headphones for a digital music player were found in his cell, jail officials said. (He acknowledged the misstep on his blog.)

While at Rikers, he also pleaded guilty to an Arizona drug possession charge and was sentenced to three years' probation.

Lil Wayne joined a roster of successful rappers who have spent time behind bars, a list that has muddled the line between art and life in a genre

that arose from inner-city streets and often chronicles crime and violence. Big names including Tupac Shakur, Lil' Kim, Foxy Brown, Shyne, Mystikal, Gucci Mane and T.I. have been incarcerated for periods ranging from months to years.

Several rappers have put out albums while locked up; the late Shakur became the first to hit No. 1 with 1995's "Me Against the World," released while he was imprisoned on a sexual assault conviction. Some have recorded songs behind bars.

Lil Wayne made a slew of recordings and videos in his final weeks of freedom. The recording blitz provided enough material for "I Am Not a Human Being" and appearances on songs by artists ranging from his protege Drake to Eminem, their releases timed to keep him fresh in fans' minds, his managers said.

The rapper initially played it cool when told about the album's success, said Derrick "E.I." Lawrence, a member of his management team. But as Lawrence was heading out after a visit, "He said, 'Number one?' ... That lit him up."

## Dominican police say singer had drugs in stomach

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)**—An American singer suspected of trying to smuggle more than a kilogram (2 pounds) of heroin in his stomach was detained as he tried to board a U.S.-bound flight at a Dominican airport, authorities said Tuesday.

Ramon Alcides Rodriguez, spokesman of the country's drug control agency, said that New York-born bachata singer Jimmy Bauer became sick at Santo Domingo's international airport on Monday when a couple of pellets he had swallowed apparently burst.

Bauer, whose real name is Jaime Vargas, was trying to board a flight to the United States when customs and drug authorities stopped him for "strange behavior," Rodriguez said. He said an

X-ray examination of Bauer's abdomen showed dozens of pellets in his stomach.

Dominican authorities rushed Bauer to a nearby military hospital, where 88 pellets were extracted from his stomach, Rodriguez said. Two other pellets had burst, he added.

Authorities initially suspected the pellets contained cocaine, but Rodriguez said laboratory tests showed it was 1.04 kilograms (2.2 pounds) of pure heroin.

Bauer, who was hospitalized in serious condition, was being guarded by three officers of the drug agency.

The New York resident of Dominican heritage is a minor figure in bachata, a musical genre that originated in the Caribbean nation's countryside and is recognizable for its

slow, sensual sound marked by bongos, maracas and the pluck of guitars.

It was not clear if Bauer, who was part of a merengue group in Puerto Rico before focusing on bachata in 2005, had a lawyer. His hometown was not immediately available.

The singer's manager, Irvin Lozada, said Tuesday he was "completely astonished" to hear of Bauer's situation in the Dominican Republic.

"I never saw Jimmy use drugs," Lozada said from New Jersey, while adding that he knew little about Bauer's personal life. He said he was trying to get in contact with the singer's relatives.

The Dominican Republic is a major transit point for drugs bound for the United States.

## West among performers in Macy's Thanksgiving event

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year will have some big names to go along with the big balloons.

Macy's on Tuesday announced the list of celebrity performers for the event, covering the musical gamut from pop to hip-hop to folk. Among those scheduled to perform are Kanye West, Jessica Simpson, Colombian rock singer Juanes, Arlo Guthrie, Gladys Knight, boy band Big Time Rush and teen singer Victoria Justice.

The range of musical styles and generations is intentional, to match the diversity of the audience that turns out to watch the parade in person and on television, said Orlando Veras, a spokesman for the parade.

"We want to make sure we

are capturing people who are in the zeitgeist," he said.

The parade coordinators work with the artists on their song choices, and all of the performances will be "family friendly," he said.

The 84th parade, a quintessential part of the city's calendar, sends marchers, celebrities, performers, floats and giant balloons across the city's streets and avenues, starting on Central Park West and ending in front of Macy's on 34th Street.

Among the new giant balloons taking to the sky for the first time this year will be Kool-Aid Man, Kung-Fu Panda, and one in the animated image of Virginia O' Hanlon. O'Hanlon was the little girl who wrote to a newspaper asking if Santa

Claus was real. The editor's response became famous—"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

Those balloons will be joining crowd favorites like Buzz Lightyear, Ronald McDonald, Pikachu and Snoopy dressed as the Flying Ace.

Other celebrities expected to participate include India Arie, Keri Hilson, Miranda Cosgrove and the casts of Broadway shows "American Idiot," "Elf," "Memphis," and "Million Dollar Quartet."

The parade will follow the same route it inaugurated last year, coming down 7th and 6th avenues and turning around five corners. The route had to be changed when vehicles were prohibited from traveling on parts of Broadway.

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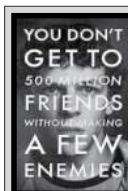
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**Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Timberlake**  
 Drama • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

The story behind the massive social networking site Facebook gets the big-screen treatment with this Columbia Pictures production scripted by The West Wing's Aaron Sorkin. The film will focus on Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg's ladder to the top after creating one of the biggest Internet sensations.



### I Do

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 Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20  
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**Enchong Dee, Erich Gonzales**  
 Romantic Comedy • Rated NR

### Synopsis

It is toppled by Enchong Dee and Erich Gonzales. Members of its cast include Pokwang, Dennis Padilla, Melai Cantiveros, Jason Francisco and Nash Aguas. The movie is inspired by a true story of young couple who were trying to fight for their relationship.



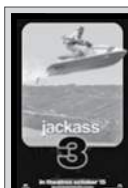
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**Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat**  
 Thriller • Rated R

### Synopsis

Spooky hauntings are once again the main course in this Paramount Pictures follow-up to Oren Peli's wildly successful supernatural thriller, Paranormal Activity. Kip Williams directs from a script by Michael Perry.



### Jackass 3

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**Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera**  
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### Red

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**Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman**  
 Thriller, Action • Rated PG 13



### Easy A

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**Emma Stone, Penn Badgley**  
 Comedy • Rated PG 13



### Nanny McPhee Returns

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# Tom Cruise on 'Mission' outside tallest spire

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Actor Tom Cruise has literally reached a pinnacle of his career in Dubai—dangling from the world's tallest building.

Cruise was spotted tethered to a line near the top of the nearly half-mile-high (828-meter-high) Burj Khalifa during stunt filming for the latest installment of the "Mission: Impossible" series.

Local media reports on Tuesday included photos of the black-clad Cruise as he was striding over the front of the glass-and-steel spire on Monday.

The new film, "Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol" will prominently feature scenes from Dubai as well as Moscow and Vancouver. It's scheduled for release in December 2011.



The crew of the latest "Mission: Impossible" from left to right, Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise, Paula Patton and Brad Pitt attending a press conference in Burj Khalifa, the world's highest building, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Thursday Oct. 28, 2010.

## Bieber says he won't wear his namesake nail polish

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber's music has inspired a collection of nail polish, but the 16-year-old singer says he won't be wearing any of the Bieber-riffic shades.

"It's not really my nail polish line. Like, I think it's weird to think about that," he said at a recent event to promote his autobiography, "First Step 2 Forever: My Story."

Bieber says the nail polish from Nicole by OPI, which is set to hit stores next month, is inspired by his hit songs. "Like, there's names like named after my music," he said.



Bieber

"I don't know," he said. "It's like a really weird concept."

The collection, called One Less Lonely Girl, is set to include a bright red shade called OMB! and a glittery polish named Step 2 the Beat of My Heart.

Members of Bieber's team chimed in to add that the impetus for the nail polish line was OPI's willingness to donate to Pencils of Promise, a school-building organization Bieber has supported before.

"So do you want me to say that?" Bieber asked, then turned to a reporter and said, "Yeah, a portion of it goes to charity, so that's always good."

## Police: Schwarzenegger's teen son held rowdy party

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police say Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's 17-year-old son was co-host of a rowdy alcohol-fueled

Halloween party where Los Angeles officers cited several people for underage drinking.

Patrick Schwarzenegger was

identified as a co-host of the Sunset Boulevard party held in a private home Saturday night near Will Rogers State

Park. The residence is near the Schwarzenegger compound in Pacific Palisades.

Sgt. Gary Levy says a half-dozen complaints of loud music led officers to shut down the party sometime after 11:30 p.m. There were 100 to 200 partygoers, some of them minors in possession of alcohol.

The sergeant said Tuesday that several people were cited for alcohol violations, but the governor's son wasn't one of them.

Telephone messages left for the governor's spokesman Aaron McLearn weren't immediately returned.

## Susan Boyle to sing for Prince Charles

LONDON (AP)—First she sang for Pope Benedict XVI, and now British singing sensation Susan Boyle is going to perform for Prince Charles.

The 49-year-old reality television show star will perform her version of Lou Reed's Perfect Day for Charles and his wife Camilla at the Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards on Monday.

Boyle said Tuesday it is a "real privilege" to be able to sing for the royals.

The singer, who shot to international fame after her stint on "Britain's Got Talent," performed during a ceremony for the pope when he visited the U.K. in September.

## Family tie is abruptly cut for no apparent reason

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing about the letter you printed from "Haven't a Clue in New York" (Sept. 10), whose friend "Pam" stopped speaking to her with no explanation. A member of my family, "Trish," did that to my husband and me three years ago. We tried to find out what we had done, but Trish's husband—my husband's brother—kept making excuses and insisting everything was fine.

Trish had told me previously that she had cut people out of her life, so I guess this is just something that she does. Regardless, it hurts.

She and her husband were very kind and helpful to us when we moved to this area. I valued her friendship and had great respect for her. Even now I feel more pain and sadness for the loss of Trish in our lives than anger toward her.

"Haven't a Clue" must try to not take it personally. What happened is probably more about Pam than it is about her.

DUMPED IN DIXIE

**DEAR DUMPED:** I agree and thank you for your comments. I received many thoughtful replies from readers who, like you, have "been there." Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** If "Haven't a Clue" just lets things lie, further damage might be done to their friendship that could be avoided. She should send her friend a letter explaining that she has no idea what might have happened to cause the rift, that the relationship is important to her and she hopes Pam will tell her what happened so she'll have the opportunity to resolve the issue.

Letting things stay as they are and not contacting Pam could cause her to stew angrily on the issue until the friendship is damaged beyond repair. Better to reach out to her friend now to see if the situation can be improved, than to hope the storm blows over on its own.

REBECCA IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DEAR ABBY:** In her letter, "Haven't a Clue" said her neighbors suspected an infidelity issue was at the heart of the rift. In my case, my friend's husband HAD made a pass at me—which I rejected. Shortly after, she stopped speaking to me. When mutual friends intervened, she would change the subject.

I continued to send birthday and holiday cards (with no response) and moved several states away. After a few years, I called. When I asked what the problem was and what could we do to resolve it, I was told, "I can't deal with your drama!" and she hung up.

Abby, I had seen her through two marriages, a divorce, her father's death and many other stressful life experiences. I finally realized, as you have advised many times in your column, I'm better off without her.

MOVED ON IN NASHVILLE

**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, my roommate and I were close and shared everything. When I returned for a visit after graduation, she refused to see me. I was crushed. I agonized for months over anything I might have said to offend her, and wrote her repeatedly. I received no response.

Years later, I tracked her down, told her how much her friendship had meant to me, and apologized again for whatever I had done that drove her away. She told me she had discovered she's bipolar. She had struggled with it and hoped that by cutting off all contacts and starting over, she'd gain some kind of balance and control in her life. She said I had never done anything wrong and that she cherished our years of friendship.

I still think of her and wish she had allowed me to help. However, I have to be satisfied that it wasn't my fault, wish her well, and smile when remembering our good times.

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### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Atlanta Police arrest rapper after traffic stop

ATLANTA (AP)—Authorities say a police officer used pepper spray on rapper Gucci Mane after he resisted arrest during a traffic stop. Atlanta Police spokesman Curtis Davenport said the rapper, whose real name is Radric Davis, was arrested Tuesday after an off-duty officer stopped his white Hummer near Atlanta's downtown area. Davenport said officers saw the rapper arguing with another person. He said they had to use pepper spray after Davis assaulted that person, whose identity wasn't released. Authorities say Davis was arrested and charged with obstruction of officers, interference with government property, reckless driving and other counts. In May, the rapper was released from an Atlanta jail after serving six months for violating probation on an assault charge.

#### Modigliani nude fetches \$68.9M in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting by Amedeo Modigliani has sold in New York City for more than \$68.9 million, an auction record for the artist's work. Sotheby's said five different bid-

ders competed Tuesday for "La Belle Romaine," pushing its price well past the \$40 million that was expected. The painting, part of a series of nudes created around 1917, was purchased by an anonymous bidder. The price included the buyer's premium. Modigliani, who lived from 1884 to 1920, originally focused on sculpture but switched to painting in part because of health problems.

#### MTV dance judge ordered to trial on sex charges

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles hip-hop choreographer who was a judge on MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew" has been ordered to trial on eight sex counts involving an underage girl in the 1990s. A Superior Court judge ruled after a preliminary hearing Monday that there was enough evidence for 41-year-old Melvin Shane Sparks to stand trial on six counts of lewd acts on a child and two counts of oral copulation of a person under 16. He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 15 at the Van Nuys courthouse. The alleged crimes took place over a nearly three-year period ending in April 1997. Sparks was arrested Dec. 18 at his Studio

City home and he was released on \$590,000 bail. Defense attorney Steve Meister says his client is innocent.

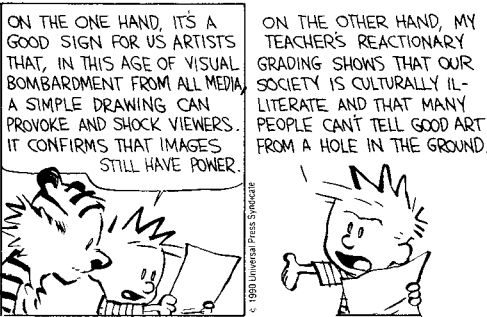
#### 'Lion King' actress dies from leukemia

NEW YORK (AP)—Shannon Tavaréz, the 11-year-old who starred on Broadway in "The Lion King" and whose battle with leukemia won the hearts of many, including Alicia Keys, Rihanna and 50 Cent, has died. Shannon died Monday afternoon at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park, on Long Island, of acute myelogenous leukemia, a common type of leukemia among adults, but rare among children. "She was a remarkable and talented young lady who touched the lives of those she entertained, as well as those who cared for her over the past several months," medical center said Tuesday in a statement. Shannon, who played the young lion Nala, had received an umbilical-cord blood transplant in August. The procedure was performed as an alternative to a bone marrow transplant. Her doctor, Dr. Larry Wolfe, said that a perfect bone marrow match for Shannon could not be found.



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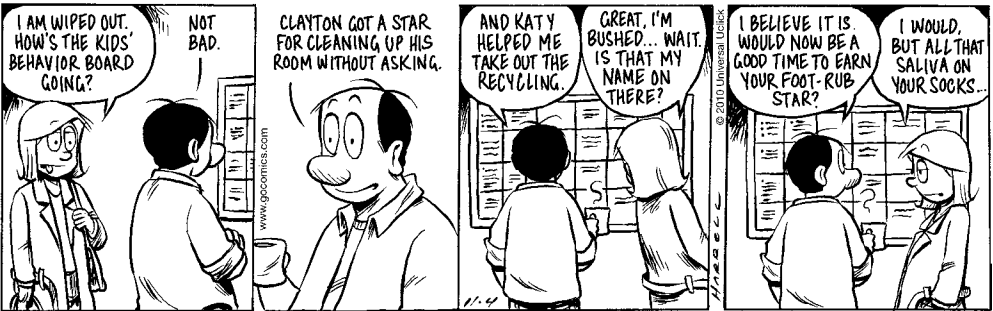


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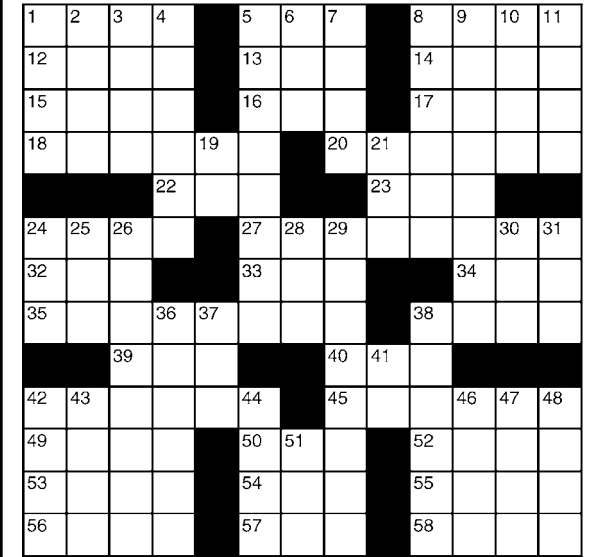
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Happy Birthday: Not everyone will agree with your plans or approve of your determination, but if you know what you are doing, no one will stand in your way or try to take over. You have the ability to be a leader, so it's only a matter of time before you make a place for yourself. This is your time to shine. Go after what you want with vengeance. Your numbers are 5, 11, 23, 25, 27, 32, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't stop believing in who you are and what you can do. Serious hard work will lead to a partnership that will contribute to your professional and personal well-being. Success is heading your way. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Shake off any feelings of insecurity and bravely move forward. Take aggressive action toward your goal. Love is in the stars. Don't be fooled by someone asking for too much. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Smart, swift and serviceable will be what's required. Focus on what's important to you. Discipline, coupled with understanding and empathy will help you keep emotional things running smoothly. Your creativity will separate you from the competition. \*\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have lots of opportunities if you are willing to implement a couple of changes into your current lifestyle. Don't let someone else's burden stop you from following a path that can bring happiness and satisfaction. \*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Chances are, you missed a very small but important detail that could cost you financially or emotionally. Don't take anyone's word when it comes to contractual agreements, especially if it has to do with your home, family or finances. Do your own research. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take on a new pastime or pick up skills that will help you get ahead professionally, personally or financially. There is a change heading your way regarding the way you handle others as well as how you handle your money. Better times are ahead. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't allow anyone to stifle your actions or silence you when you have something important to contribute. Stand up for your beliefs, opinions and what you want to pursue. Once you eliminate what is making life so complicated, you will find success. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put a little fun back into your life. Life is about balance. You'll make a better impression on friends and colleagues if you share a little downtime. Get to know people better and you will succeed. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll find it difficult to sit still, so get out your to-do list and start checking off your accomplishments. Idle time will result in discord. Rely on your stamina and know-how to impress, and your diplomacy to keep you out of trouble. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your

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emotions on the back burner and look at whatever you face practically. There is a logical answer for everything. Use past references to make the right decision now. Look up an old friend with something to contribute to a project. \*\*

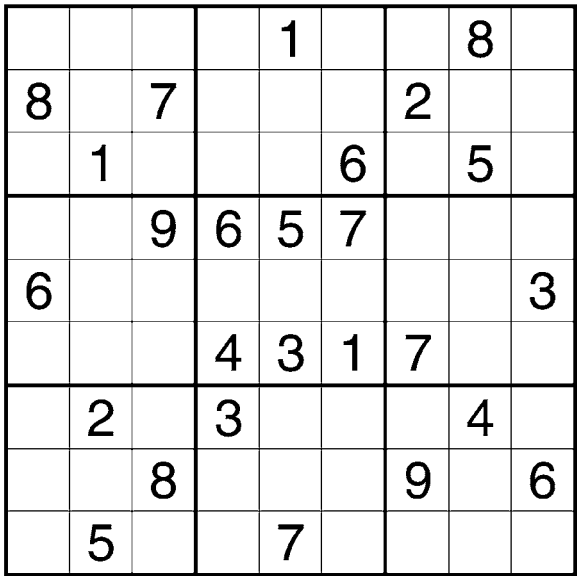
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's better to do what you can to get ahead and to finish what you start before sharing what you are up to. Discipline will build your confidence and add to your credentials. Work and money will go hand in hand. \*\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get angry or tie yourself up in arguments that will lead nowhere. Concentrate on deals and financial gains. There is money heading your way. Love is prominent. Consider making a move. \*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You see things in your own special way and are unique, creative and mysterious. You follow your own path and people gravitate to you. Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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6	4	1	2	5	7	3	8	9

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

JEWISH WEDDINGS Solution: 10 letters

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# Wall leads Wizards over 76ers in overtime



**WASHINGTON (AP)**—John Wall starred in his home debut, leading the Washington Wizards to a 116-115 overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday and getting the better of Evan Turner in the first clash of the two top picks in this year's draft.

Cartier Martin caught Wall's inbound pass and hit a 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime.

No. 1 choice Wall had 29 points, 13 assists, nine steals and eight turnovers, helping the Wizards to their first win of the season after two defeats.

No. 2 pick Turner, who came off the bench and wasn't a factor until the second half, scored all of his nine points in the fourth quarter and finished with six rebounds for the 76ers, who are 0-4 for the first time since 2001-02.

Lou Williams led the 76ers with 30 points.

## Celtics 109, Pistons 86

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Rajon Rondo had nine points and 17 assists to lead Boston over Detroit.

Rondo, who had a triple-double with 24 assists Friday against New York, has 67 assists through Boston's first four games.

Kevin Garnett scored 22 points for Boston, which won easily despite Shaquille O'Neal's absence because of a bruised knee. The Celtics hardly missed him against the undersized Pistons, who are off to their first 0-4 start since 1999-2000.

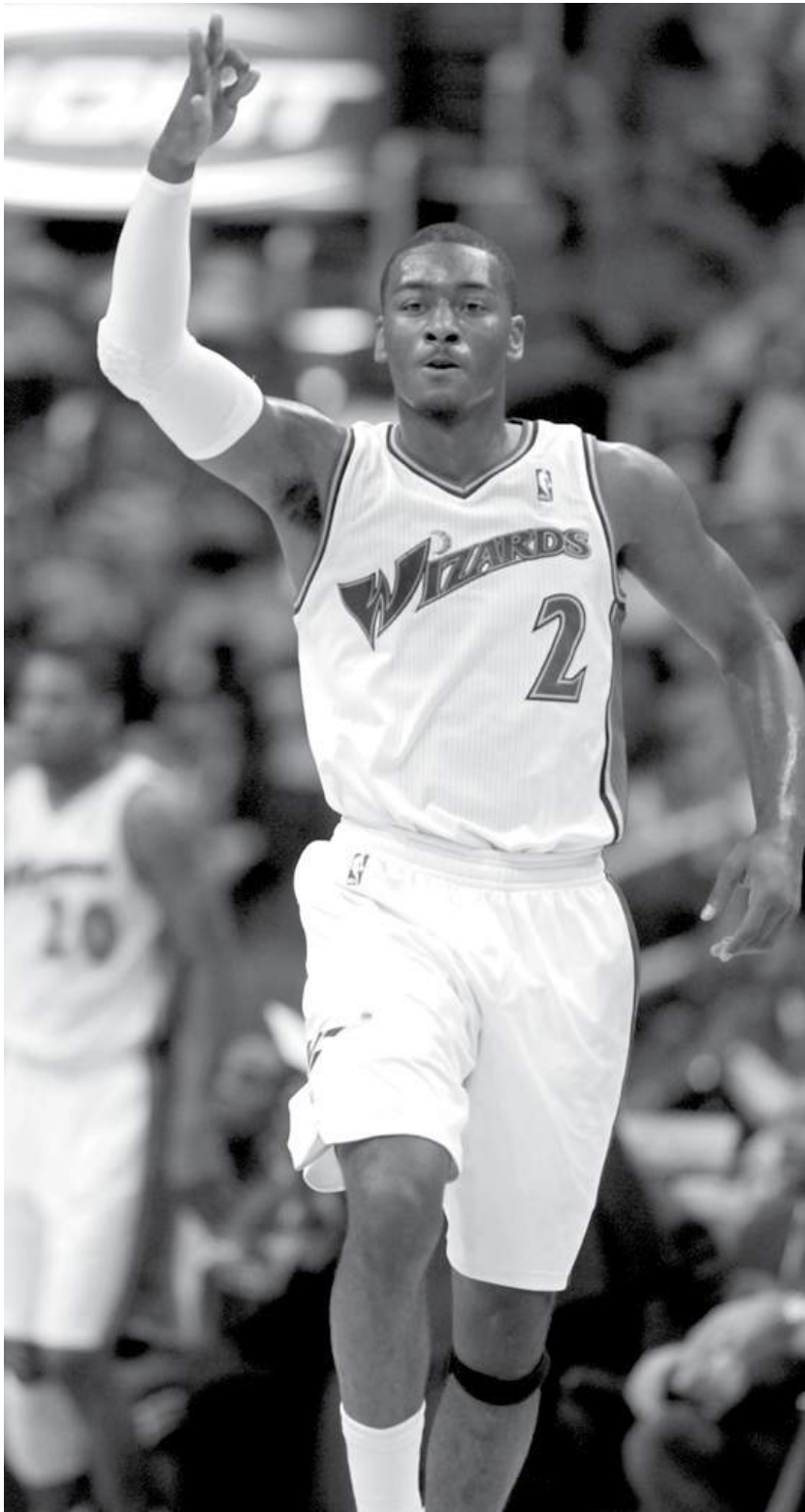
Charlie Villanueva scored 17 points for Detroit, which played without Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sore right foot.

## Lakers 124, Grizzlies 105

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored all of his 23 points in the first half to set up Los Angeles' win over Memphis.

Pau Gasol added 21 points and 13 rebounds for unbeaten Los Angeles, while Bryant fell one minute short of matching Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to become the Lakers' franchise leader in minutes played.

Rudy Gay scored 30 points for Memphis, and Mike Conley had 16 points



Washington Wizards' John Wall reacts after a teammate scored a basket against the Philadelphia 76ers during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, in Washington.

and eight assists after agreeing to a five-year, \$40 million contract extension earlier in the day.

## Hawks 100, Cavaliers 88

In Cleveland, Atlanta became the only undefeated team in the Eastern Confer-

ence by downing Cleveland.

Marvin Williams scored 22 points, and Al Horford added 16 and 12 rebounds for Atlanta, which improved to 3-0 on the road and snapped a six-game losing streak in Cleveland.

J.J. Hickson scored a career-high 31 points for the Cavs, who have dropped three straight since knocking off Boston in the season opener.

## Heat 129, Timberwolves 97

In Miami, the hosts rolled to their fourth straight win by crushing Minnesota.

Dwyane Wade had 26 points, while LeBron James added 20 points and a game-high 12 assists — the most ever by a Heat forward, according to STATS LLC.

Wade made 12 of 17 shots in just 24 minutes for Miami, which has outscored opponents by 22.8 points per game since losing the season-opener in Boston last week.

Kevin Love led Minnesota with 20 points on 7-for-11 shooting.

## Trail Blazers 90, Bucks 76

In Milwaukee, Portland downed Milwaukee to end its four-game road trip on a winning note.

Leading 47-45 at halftime, Portland capitalized on the Bucks' poor shooting and porous defense to outscore Milwaukee 26-17 and take a 73-62 lead into the final quarter. It was the first time that the Blazers led going into the final period this season.

Wes Matthews scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half while Brandon Roy added 17 points for a Portland team playing its third game in four nights.

Corey Maggette led the Bucks with 16 points.

## Magic at Knicks, ppd.

In New York, the Orlando-New York game at Madison Square Garden was postponed because of safety concerns after debris fell into the arena during overnight cleaning of asbestos-related materials.

Saying it was using "an abundance of caution," MSG released a statement said it wouldn't reopen the building until it was assured the arena was safe.

## NBA BRIEFS

### Kobe tells Coach K he'll play in '12

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Mike Krzyzewski has a commitment from another top recruit: Kobe Bryant. Bryant told the U.S. basketball coach that he would play in the Olympics in 2012 if the Americans want him there. The Lakers guard was a guest on Krzyzewski's SIRIUS XM radio show Tuesday when the Duke coach asked Bryant about London. "You guys want me there, I am there and I'm ready to defend," Bryant said. "And then when you guys need me to put some points on the board I'll do that, too." Bryant was a starter on the U.S. team that won the gold medal in 2008 in Beijing. He sat out the world championships this summer after offseason knee surgery.

### Horford agrees to five-year, \$60 million extension with Hawks

**ATLANTA (AP)**—The Atlanta Hawks agreed Monday to a five-year, \$60 million contract extension with All-Star center Al Horford. The team reached the deal with Horford just ahead of a deadline that would have opened the door for one of their stalwart players to become a restricted free agent next summer. Horford confirmed the terms in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I wanted to get it done for security and just to focus on the team this year," Horford wrote while en route to Cleveland, where the Hawks (3-0) face the Cavaliers on Tuesday. The 24-year-old Horford was the No. 3 overall pick in 2007 out of Florida, helping the Gators win back-to-back national championships. He quickly established himself as one of the team's most valuable players, even as an undersized center who had to outwork many of the bigger players he went against. Horford finished second in the NBA rookie of the year voting to Kevin Durant. Last season, the Atlanta player averaged career highs in points (14.2) and rebounds (9.9) while becoming the first Hawks draft pick to make the All-Star Game since Kevin Willis in 1992. He finished eighth in the shooting percentage (.551) and also was among the top 10 in rebounding.

### Grizzlies extend Conley to multi-year deal

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The Memphis Grizzlies signed Mike Conley to a five-year contract extension worth \$40 million Tuesday after watching the 23-year-old point guard get off to the best start of his career. They agreed to terms before a Monday night deadline and waited for the NBA to approve the contract Tuesday before announcing what the Grizzlies called only a multi-year deal. "Mike has improved significantly during his brief time in the league, and we are optimistic that the best is yet to come for him," Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace said in a statement. "With the signing of Rudy Gay last summer and now Mike, the organization has shown that it is serious about keeping the Grizzlies' core together into the future."

# Busy baseball offseason begins faster than usual



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Baseball's offseason market got busy even

faster than usual Tuesday, with teams forced to make quick decisions on contract options as they prepare offers to a relatively weak free-agent class headed by Cliff Lee and Carl Crawford.

Under modifications agreed to by players and owners in September, free agents can start negotiating with all clubs on the sixth day after the World Series, which is Sunday, rather than the 16th.

Teams and players must decide single options by the third day after the World Series. For mutual options, the side making the first decision must act by the second day, with the other party deciding by the fourth.

Lee is the top available pitcher on the free-agent market, and the New York Yankees are set to pursue him.

Traded from Seattle to Texas dur-

ing the season, Lee helped the Rangers reach the World Series for the first time, and Rangers president Nolan Ryan hopes to re-sign him.

Crawford also is expected to be highly sought-after, with the Los Angeles Angels and Yankees thought to be interested in the speedy outfielder.

The Yankees hope to re-sign their trio of Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte - who still hasn't decided whether to pitch next year or retire.

Other free agents include Philadelphia right fielder Jayson Werth, Boston catcher Victor Martinez, White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko, Tampa Bay slugger Carlos Pena and closer Rafael Soriano, and Angels designated hitter Hideki Matsui.

Texas must make a quick decision on whether to exercise its half of a \$9 million mutual option on Vladimir Guerrero or pay the designated hitter a \$1 million buyout.

In a sign the market might be tight

after the top free agents, Arizona declined a \$7.5 million option on first baseman Adam LaRoche on Tuesday. He gets a \$1.5 million buyout after hitting .261 with 25 homers and 100 RBIs in his first season with the Diamondbacks.

Milwaukee declined a \$7.5 million mutual option on career saves leader Trevor Hoffman, who gets a \$750,000 buyout. The 43-year-old reliever, who has 601 saves, struggled in May and lost his closer's role to rookie John Axford. The Brewers also declined a \$6.5 million option on left-hander Doug Davis and a \$2.25 million option on catcher Gregg Zaun, who both were injured for most of the season. Davis gets a \$1 million buyout and Zaun \$250,000.

Atlanta exercised \$2.5 million options on infielders Alex Gonzalez and Omar Infante, and declined a \$6 million option on outfielder Rick Ankiel and a \$5.25 million option on right-hander Kyle Farnsworth. They both came to



# Coach's son: McNabb was told of possible benching



**ASHBURN, Va.** (AP)—On Day 3 of the Washington Redskins' attempt to explain the benching of Donovan McNabb, the head coach's son gave it a try. He was doing a decent job—until he threw in a new wrinkle that only added to the confusion.

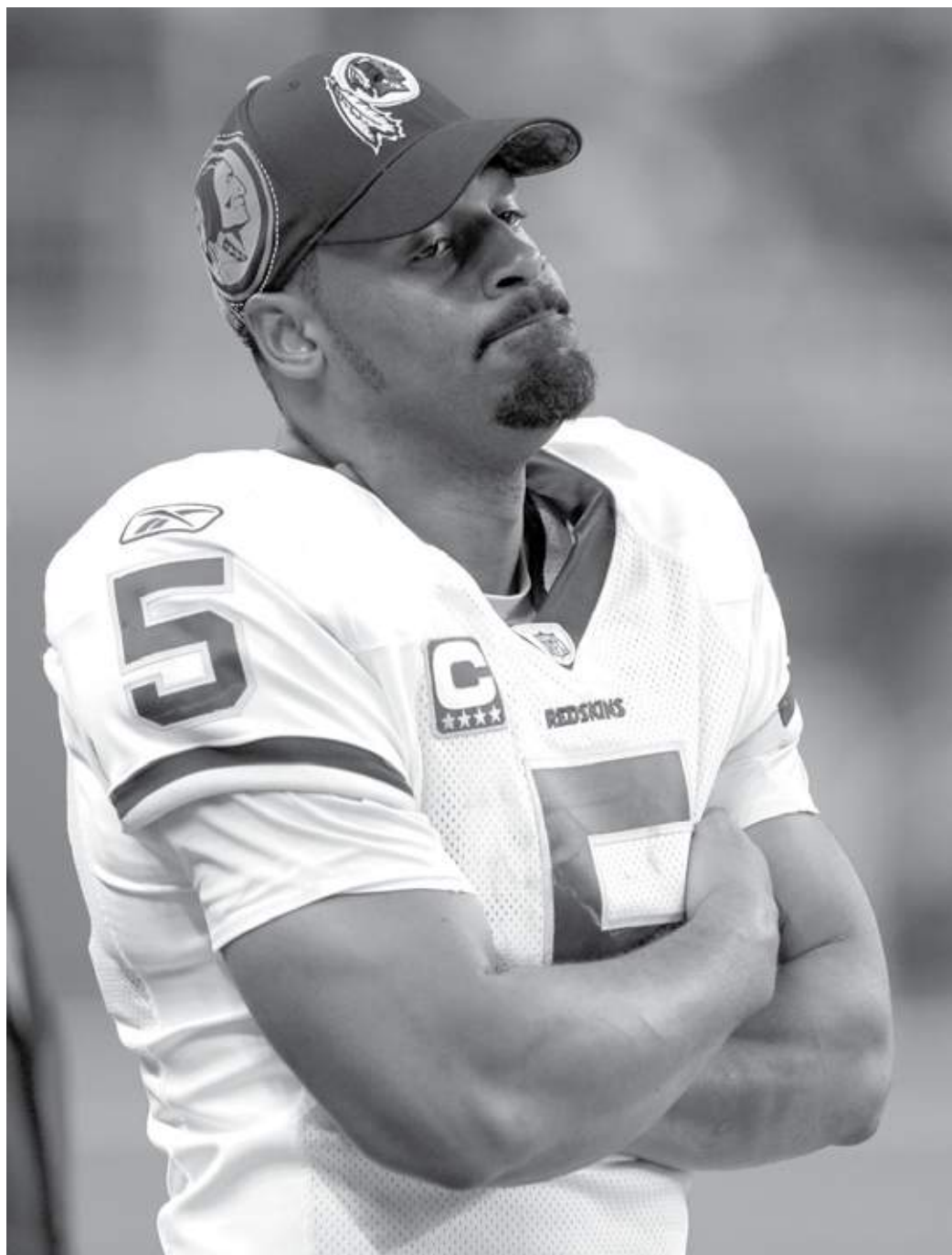
Offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan said Tuesday that McNabb was told in advance of the possibility of getting pulled from the game if coaches felt the veteran quarterback was struggling.

McNabb went on the radio and immediately claimed otherwise, saying: "I didn't hear that part."

And, by the way, this just happened to be the day the Redskins decided to bring in JaMarcus Russell for a workout. The former Oakland Raiders quarterback was one of many out-of-work players getting a look from the coaching staff.

The best news for the Redskins was everyone then skeddaddled out of town for an off week vacation. The five-day break is exactly what's needed to settle things down after a dizzying 72 hours of quarterback drama that began when McNabb was pulled in the final 2 minutes of Sunday's 37-25 loss to the Detroit Lions.

To recap: Mike Shanahan said immediately after Sunday's game that McNabb was yanked because backup Rex Grossman had a better understanding of the team's two-minute offense. On Monday, the coach shifted his focus, saying nagging hamstring injuries have kept McNabb from practicing at full speed and therefore created doubts as to whether the six-time Pro Bowl quarterback



**Tiger Woods of the U.S. speaks during a news conference for the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf tournament, which begins on Thursday, at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.**

had the "cardiovascular endurance" to run a two-minute drill with no timeouts.

On Tuesday, Kyle Shanahan

said perhaps his father's words "came off wrong." The son gave his play-by-play of how it all shook out.

"It came down to last week, when on Monday and Tuesday, because of his hamstring issues, we were deciding, that 'Hey,

this guy's hurting, we know he won't take himself out. We don't think he should play. We've got to rest him up and get him better for the rest of the year,'" Kyle Shanahan said. "Donovan being the competitor that he is, came in and said 'I will rise to the occasion. I will play.' And he talked us into it. And we said, 'Hey, we understand, we're going to let you go. If we do feel you're struggling in the game - which we think it's possible because you can't practice full speed—then we'll have to go in a different direction.'"

But wait a minute. Both Mike Shanahan and McNabb have indicated that McNabb wasn't tipped off that he could be taken out. McNabb even said he wouldn't want to know something like that because it would be just one more thing to weigh on his mind.

McNabb, making his weekly appearance on ESPN980, was asked to respond to Kyle Shanahan's version of events.

"I didn't hear that part. ... We had a conversation of just the injuries that I have, being a little banged up," McNabb said. "Maybe getting an opportunity to rest up for the long haul. But I didn't hear the word 'benching' or anything to that effect."

Otherwise, McNabb did his best to bite his tongue and keep his sense of humor about the whole affair. When he limped into the locker room—yes, those 33-year-old hamstrings are noticeably bothering him—he jokingly interrupted an interview with rookie receiver Anthony Armstrong by asking: "How's your cardiovascular endurance?"

Earlier, McNabb told reporters he could have finished the game and was upset that was

pulled. He was asked about playing hurt.

"My team relies on me being there. I want to be there for my team," McNabb said. "If I can't walk, then I can't go. That's just the way I play, no matter if you're banged up or what, you've got to be in there."

McNabb declined to criticize Mike Shanahan saying: "Coach makes his decisions."

McNabb's struggles in his first year under a new offense have been greater than expected—he's having his worst season statistically since becoming a full-season starter in 2000—but he said he finds it insulting to answer questions about his work ethic.

"You can ask these guys how I work and my work ethic," McNabb said. "My work ethic has never been a question. My tempo has never been a question."

Indeed, Kyle Shanahan said McNabb has "perfect work habits."

"He's what I expected," Kyle Shanahan said. "Now, us as a whole offense, we're not playing like I expected. That starts with me. It's him. It's the other 10 guys on the field. I would like us to get better. I would like him to get better."

McNabb has seven touchdown passes, eight interceptions and a 76.0 rating - sub-par numbers through eight games. He's also been sacked 22 times, second most in the league, and his contract expires at the end of the season.

On his radio show, McNabb said there was a "100 percent" chance he would be quarterbacking the Redskins next season, but it was really the only answer he could give.

"If I would have said 75 or 60," McNabb said. "it would have been another big story."



**Tiger Woods of the U.S. speaks during a news conference for the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf tournament, which begins on Thursday, at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.**

**SHANGHAI (AP)**—No longer No. 1 in the world, Tiger Woods said Wednesday that hasn't changed how he sees himself or what he's trying to do at the HSBC Champions.

"I come to the event to win the event," Woods said. "I haven't won an event in about a year. I've

## Woods has one last chance for tour win

gone through periods like this before in the past. In order to become No. 1 in the world, I've won golf tournaments. It's something I haven't done, and it's a matter of going out there and competing and winning."

The HSBC Champions, which starts Thursday at Sheshan International, is the only World Golf Championship he hasn't won.

Woods will be facing a strong field, which features the new No. 1, Lee Westwood. Also playing is defending champion Phil Mickelson and PGA champion Martin Kaymer, who has won three of his last four tournaments. All four of them have a chance to go to No. 1 in the world this week, as the top of the ranking is more crowded than ever.

For Woods, a victory would be especially meaningful now.

He has won a PGA Tour event in each of his 14 seasons, and the HSBC Champions is his last chance for 2010. It would count as an official victory if won by a PGA Tour member. The tour record for consecutive seasons with at least one victory is 17, held by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

Woods has not come particularly close to winning all year.

He had a tie for fourth in the Masters, his first tournament since a sex scandal kept him out of golf for nearly five months, and he tied for fourth

at the U.S. Open. In both majors, he took himself out of contention early in the final round. Those are the only top 10s he has this year, and Woods has not finished closer than five shots of the winner since June.

In his last competition, he was 9 under through 15 holes in his singles victory over Francesco Molinari at the Ryder Cup.

For Woods to look back to April when he returned to golf, he said there has been only one surprise.

"I never would have foreseen when I returned to the game at the Masters that I would have a new coach and I would be here," he said. "So the game is certainly much different than it was in April."

Woods began working with Sean Foley at the PGA Championship in August, and he said they worked throughout October after the Ryder Cup on trying to nail down a new technique.

While referring to Foley as his "coach," he continued to be coy about whether he was paying him.

"I'm working with him," Woods said with a smile when pressed about it later. "As far as anything formal, nothing has been announced."

Woods has played the HSBC Champions, which only became a WGC event last year, three times. He was runner-up twice, and a year ago tied for sixth. He drew the biggest crowds at Sheshan International last year, especially on the final day

when he was in the same group with Mickelson and Nick Watney. Woods shot 40 on the front nine as Mickelson easily pulled away, and Mickelson held on for a one-shot victory over Ernie Els.

He returns with a different aura, mostly from the fallout of his extramarital affairs that were exposed about two weeks after the HSBC Champions.

"I look at myself as a much better person than what I was," he said. "All that I have gone through has certainly made me a better person and has enabled me and forced me to take a look at myself. Unfortunately, I had to go through it to get to this point. But I'm looking forward to working each and every day at trying to become the best parent I possibly can."

Woods and his ex-wife, Elin, divorced in August and are sharing custody of their two children.

The HSBC Champions officially began with typical fanfare, with the top four players meeting on the Shanghai riverfront to take part in the ancient Chinese martial art of taichi. It made for great pictures, with Woods and Westwood posing with swords.

They trade those in for the less ancient game of golf over the next four days, a battle for No. 1 that could stretch into next year.

"It's exciting, I'm sure, for the public," Woods said. "As far as the players are concerned, I think that everyone has the same focus, and that's to win golf tournaments."



## Cannondale F9 bike at stake in Ride 'Round Ridge



A group of bikers poses at Radar Station before testing the course for the Ride 'Round the Ridge race last Saturday. The "Triple R" will hit the road this Saturday.

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It's all systems go for the Ride 'Round the Ridge with the event organizer giving away a brand new Cannondale F9 mountain bike as a raffle prize in this Saturday's race.

"A brand new Cannondale F9 mountain bike will be raffled off at the end of the Ride 'Round the Ridge. The raffle means that anyone can win, not just the fastest bikers," said race organizer Brad Ruszala, adding that besides the raffle prize, medals and other perks await the Top 3 male and female finishers in the two divisions: sport and championship.

Riders in the two divisions will cruise through the same course, but experienced riders

entered in the championship division will have to complete the course twice.

The course will start and end at Radar Station. From there, bikers will head downhill, take a left at the t-intersection, and pedal up through the s-curves down dirt road that leads past the firing range, Sirena, Kalabera Cave, and emerges at the Bird Island lookout. From there, bikers will head to the pavement leading to Kimikaze trail, turn left, and challenge the single track section that would separate veteran from beginner riders.

Once on top of the hill, riders will turn left and race down the pavement to the dirt road that leads behind the Marianas Country Club. Once riders reach the one-million-gallon tank, they will turn left and climb up to the Radar Station. Bikers racing in the sport division will finish there,

while veteran riders entered in the championship category must go for a second lap.

About 20 riders tested the course last Saturday and most of them are expected to return at Radar Station for the actual race.

Check-in and registration for the Saturday's race will begin at 6am, while the race will kick off at 7am. Entrance fee is \$20, but students and military personnel will only pay \$10.

The inaugural Ride 'Round the Ridge mountain bike race is supported by Marianas Visitors Authority, the Saipan Mayor's Office, Brabu Pharmacy, Michelob Ultra, IT&E, The Athlete's Foot, All-Star Sporting Goods, DFS Saipan, POWERade, Foremost, Saipan Bike Pro, Gold's Gym, Top Notch, XTERRA Saipan, Tagaman, Digital Motion, Triple J's Super Fresh Market, and Island Apparel.

## SHUTOUT

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### Inter Godfather's 7, Shirley's 0

In the second game, Inter Godfather's blanked newcomer Shirley's Coffee Shop, 7-0.

The win was the second in as many games for Inter Godfather's, putting the team on top of the leaderboard in the 10-squad field.

Peter Loken scored two goals for Inter Godfather's while Darin Keizer, Chris Nelson, Arkie Reusora, and David Duenas

had one each.

Berline gave Inter Godfather's a 1-0 lead in the first half with his goal in the 30th minute and then they broke the game wide open in the second half adding six more goals. Keizer scored the second goal for Inter Godfather's in the 51st minute and three minutes later it was Nelson's turn to make it to the scoreboard. Loken then had back-to-back goals in a span of four minutes (69th and 73rd), while Reusora and Duenas logged the last two in the 77th and 80th

minute, respectively.

Shirley's absorbed its second loss in as many matches.

### KFAS 4, Paire 0

Duplicating Inter Godfather's and MP United's shutout wins was Korean Football Association on Saipan, which downed Paire FC, 4-0.

Cho Jin Koo had a hat-trick for KFAS, tallying all his three goals in the first half. Cho Jin Wook broke the ice with his goal in the 17th minute and 18 minutes later, Koo started his streak with his first goal in the

## Tigilau, Satur gain slots to RGA Club Championship

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Ray Tigilau and Tony Satur took two of the last four slots in the season-ending Club Championship of the Refaluwasch Golfers Association after ruling the September and October Ace of the Month tournaments.

Tigilau carded a net 75 to beat more than 10 RGA players for the September plum. The 15-handicapper shot a 41 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 85.

In the October Ace, Satur submitted a tournament best net 70 to claim last month's award. The 5-handicapper capitalized on his familiarity with the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort to fire a gross 75 in the October Ace tournament.

Satur and Tigilau now join the eight early qualifiers for the RGA Club Championship, which is better known as the Placido M. Tagabuel Memorial Cup. Tagabuel is a former CNMI golfer and RGA decided to honor him by naming the club championship to the departed player. His name is engraved to the trophy given to the winner of the RGA Club Championship,

which will be held in December and will feature the 12 monthly winners in 2010.

Satur and Tigilau will qualify in the December event along with January Ace Jun Yi Piao, Joe Saures (February), Nick Leon Guerrero (March), Carl H o c o g (April), X i a n Lai Cue (May), Jesse Seman (June), Tars Ol-opai (July), and Jess Wabol (August).

Only two slots for the yearend event are left this year and Bae Yong Man is a step away from clinching one of the remaining two berths after topping the November Ace qualifier.

Bae tallied a net 74 during the November qualifying tournament last month at the Laolao Bay to set the score to beat for this month's Ace. If his score is

undefeated in the Nov. 7 tournament at the Laolao Bay, Bae gets to keep the monthly plum and join the 10 early qualifiers in the club championship.

Check-in time for the November Ace tournament is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm.

Meanwhile, RGA is reminding monthly Ace winners about the requirements for the club

championship. Ace winners must compete in at least 10 RGA-sanctioned tournaments to have a chance to win the RGA Cup.

Besides the RGA Cup, the club will also hand the Sid K. Peter (low net champion) and Tony Taitano (most rounds played) awards at the yearend event. Venue and the date for the club championship will be announced later.



Tigilau



Satur

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handed Royale Blue its lone win last Sunday after beating Hibi and Rommel Monserat, 3-0.

With the loss in the Sunday pairing, Royale Blue has gained only 40 won sets for fourth place in the seven-team field.

### Black Hawks 6, Orange Shuttle Masters 4

The Black Hawks kept the lead in the tournament after Week 2, following a 6-4 victory over the Orange Shuttle Masters.

The Black Hawks now have collected 79 won sets for a big lead (27 won sets) against their closest pursuers (Pink Dynamites and Yellow Idols).

A Black Hawks-Orange split in the eight doubles matches put the former's winning streak on the line. Then Cristy Villafior and Rey Bulaon won their

singles games against Merlie Tolentino and Ferdie Arago, respectively, to save the day for the Black Hawks.

### Yellow Idols 6, Green Buck\$ 4

The Yellow Idols gained a share of second place in Week 2 after edging Green Buck\$, 6-4.

Yellow Idols took the win after nearly sweeping the seven doubles matches. Delivering the victories for the Yellow Idols were the tandems of Lucelle Lampera and Emily Vargas, Chris Hilario and Vargas, Malou Malasarte and Heo In Souk, Charlie Borja and Malasarte, and Hapi Gabriel and Saul Gargallo. Foiling a Yellow Idols sweep in the doubles were the duo of Gabriel and Lampera.

Green Buck\$ then added three singles games to its total after Noli Santos, Ezekiel Santos, and Puy Macario won their respective matches.

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school league for the overall championship.

Magic currently leads the high school league with its 2-0 record. Hit It and Kingz are tied for second with their identical

1-1 marks, while Yo' Face is in the last spot with a 0-2 mark.

Magic notched its second win after juicing out Hit It, 48-15. Magic swept Hit It in all three sets, 18-13, 15-4, 15-8, to wrap up the game early.

A.J. Aguilar top-scored for Magic with 14 points off four aces and two goals. The Magic

outscored Hit It in aces, 11-5, in kees, 4-2, and in goals, 2-0.

In the second game, Kingz edged Yo' Face in overtime, 49-46.

The Kingz took the opening set, 16-4 and then Yo'Face swept the next two, 20-11, 19-16. Though Yo'Face won the last two sets, the score was still tied at 43-all, thus the two

teams were forced to play in okon (overtime). In overtime, the team to score the first five points or make a goal wins.

At the 3-3 rally, the Kingz finally ended the game when Jason Limes spiked the ball into the goal. Jack Sachuo was the game's heavy hitter after firing 16 aces off five aces and three kees.

some of the things I've been working on with him, like head movement, it's going to be tough for Manny."

The American-born Mexican fighter known as the Tijuana Tornado never had an easy path: Margarito fought for 7 1/2 years before his first title shot in July 2001, but kept that WBO welterweight belt for six years. After losing it to Paul Williams, he returned with three straight knockout wins, including an 11th-round stoppage of Miguel Cotto in 2008 that stands as the height of his hard-punching, diamond-chinned excellence.

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and two months of isolation for work have improved Margarito's mindset heading into the fight that could catapult him back atop the sport—or condemn him to also-ran status, unable to fight on the West Coast.

His frustration with the Nevada Athletic Commission's blunt refusal to consider his appeals and the California commission's intransigence on his suspension has been funneled into determination to win a fight in which few give him a shot.

The seriousness of Margarito's training is obvious in his physique: He's already hovering near his fighting weight with almost no visible body fat, and his calves are crisscrossed with ropy veins.

"We've got two weeks left, but we could be ready tonight," said Robert Garcia, the trainer who replaced the disgraced Javier Capetillo. "He's right where I want him physically, and mentally, he says this is the best he's ever felt. Every single day when we're driving home in the morning after running, he tells me there's no doubt this fight is ours. I've never seen him like that before."

Garcia, also a former fighter, even has the temerity to suggest he sees areas of weakness in Pacquiao's latest string of dominant victories. While trainer Freddie Roach believes Pacquiao's speed will make it easy to execute a winning game plan, Garcia claims to know exactly how to counter it.

"In his last six fights, you watch the video and you see a lot of mistakes," Garcia said. "It doesn't take a scientist to see them. Our job is to cut the ring off and pick the spots to hurt him. He has speed, but when you have someone as good as Margarito, someone that can take a punch, combined with

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	3	1	.750	—
New Jersey	2	1	.667	1/2
New York	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	3

### Southeast Division

Atlanta	4	0	1.000	—
Miami	4	1	.800	1/2
Orlando	1	1	.500	2
Washington	1	2	.333	2 1/2
Charlotte	0	3	.000	3 1/2

### Central Division

Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	3	.250	1 1/2
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	1 1/2
Detroit	0	4	.000	2 1/2

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	2	1	.667	1
Memphis	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Houston	0	3	.000	3

### Northwest Division

Portland	4	1	.800	—
Denver	2	1	.667	1

Oklahoma City	2	1	.667	1
Utah	1	2	.333	2
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2 1/2

### Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	4	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	3	1	.750	1
Golden State	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	4	.000	4

### Yesterday's Games

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Washington 116, Philadelphia 115, OT  
Boston 109, Detroit 86  
Miami 129, Minnesota 97  
Orlando at New York, ppd.  
Portland 90, Milwaukee 76  
L.A. Lakers 124, Memphis 105

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### LOCAL SCORES

### NMIFA MEN'S STANDINGS

Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Inter Godfather's	2	2	0	0	18	1	17	6
KFAS	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	4
MP United	1	1	0	0	8	0	8	3
Matansa FC	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Baek Du San	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
Wild Bills	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Paire FC	2	0	1	1	3	7	-4	1
Shirley's	2	0	0	2	0	9	-9	0
Independents	2	0	0	2	1	19	-18	0
Tan Holdings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament

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Members of the Orange Shuttle Masters pose for a group photo during the opening of the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament on Oct. 22 at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



The Black Hawks pose with their banner.



The Pink Dynamites pose for a souvenir photo.



Members of Green Buck\$ in their winning team uniform.



Members of Yellow Idols pose with tournament guests.



Members of Royale Blue participate in the traditional parade of teams.



Members of the Red Hot Chili Shuttlers are all smiles as they enter the court.



NMSA president Mike White and Badminton Oceania regional development manager Nadia Bleaken were the guests of honors in the opening ceremony for the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament on Oct. 22 at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



Tournament organizers carry the banner of event sponsor Traders Insurance.





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## Shutout victories in men's league

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Shutout victories were the theme of Week 2 action in the 2010 Men's Football Fall Cup played last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Setting the tone for the weekend matches was MP United, which had a rousing debut in the fall league after whipping Independents FC, 8-0.

Hyun Woo Woo scored four goals for MP United, which got its remaining goals from four other players. Nick Swaim drew first blood for MP United after scoring in the seventh minute, while Mickey Kim and Rocky Rokibul also made it to the scoreboard in the first half, finding the back of the net in the 26th and 35th minute, respectively.

Woo then scored MP United's last two goals (37th and 39th minute) in the first half and added two more in the second half (71st and 81st). Also nailing a goal in the second half for MP United was Dae Min Jeon, who lit up the scoreboard five minutes after Woo logged his third goal.

The loss was second in as many games for Independents, which has already given up 19 goals and has scored only one. Independents bowed to Inter Godfather's, 1-11, in Week 1.

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A Korean Football Association on Saipan player kicks the ball during their game against Paire FC in the NMIFA men's fall league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

## Dynamites blast Royale Blue

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The Pink Dynamites moved up to the team standings in the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament after crushing Royale Blue, 7-1, last Sunday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

The win over Royale Blue lifted the Pink Dynamites from fourth to a tie for second place with the Yellow Idols. The Pink Dynamites now have earned 52 sets won after prevailing in four of the seven doubles games against Royale Blue.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The Pink Dynamites Efen Cacdac chases the ball while Marlene Pereja looks on during their game against Royale Blue in the Traders Insurance badminton tournament last Sunday at the REM Center.

Of those four wins, three came via a 3-0 sweep with the pairs of Joey Aljenio and Elma Labuson, So Young Lee and To-shiko Obata, and Jerry Hibi and Kanata Omori blanking their respective foes. Efen Cacdac and Marlene Peraja gave the Pink Dynamites their fourth doubles win after edging June Pineda and Annarose Omori, 2-1. Two more doubles games are left in the Pink Dynamites-Royale Blue pairing, as the former awaits Macoi Aguda's return.

In the singles division, the Pink Dynamites swept all three matches in dominating fashions. Kanata Omori had a 3-0 shutout win over Jerome Malasarte, Obata crushed Jaja Samonte, 3-0, and Lee clobbered Kim Boranah, 3-0.

Mario Diola and Vic Reyes

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## Margarito hopes to beat Pacquiao, erase scandal

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Antonio Margarito penitence long ago turned into frustration, and he takes it out on every sparring partner, every heavy bag he punches into submission while preparing to face Manny Pacquiao.

Nearly two years after a hand-wrapping scandal almost ended his boxing career, Margarito still insists he didn't know his former trainer had placed illegal pads over his fists. He's still banned from fighting in California and Nevada—but the commissions can't stop him from training in peaceful Oxnard or a noisy Hollywood gym.

With a new trainer who claims to see significant flaws in Pacquiao's vaunted skills, Margarito is determined to capitalize on the chance to take on the pound-for-pound champion Nov. 13 in Texas in a big-money fight that few believe he deserves.

"It's been really tough, but this is a great opportunity for me, and I have to take full advantage of it," Margarito said through a translator before a workout at the Fortune Gym on Sunset Boulevard. "It's always been difficult for me. They always put tough fights in front of me, and never expect me to do anything, but that's what made me into the fighter I am."

Training is a refuge for the former welterweight champion,

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AP  
Antonio Margarito, of Mexico, shadow-boxes during a workout for his upcoming fight with Manny Pacquiao, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010, in Los Angeles.

## Soul Rebels, Magic triumph in Rocball leagues

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The two Rocball leagues continued with their regular season games last week with the Soul Rebels and Magic prevailing in their respective divisions at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

In the Rocball community league, the Soul Rebels topped the Sounders in four sets, 88-66.

Willie Aguilar led the Soul Rebels' victory after scoring 27 points. He had

six aces, three goals, two kees, and one xunk to gain the heavy hitter award.

The win was first for the Soul Rebels, as they bowed to the Sounders in the opening week of the community league. Only the Soul Rebels and Sounders have formed teams for the community league and Saipan Rocball creator and league coordinator James Feger said the competition is still open for interested squads.

Feger added at the end of the community league, its players will challenge the all-stars playing in the high

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Sounders and Soul Rebels player pose for a group photo before their game in the Rocball community league last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.